

## **Towne, Jason**

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**From:** George Costello <george\_costello@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 8:31 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Cc:** Terry Nelson; Pardun, Gerald  
**Subject:** Ordinance Changes\_Campgrounds\_Final\_Swiss.pdf  
**Attachments:** Ordinance Changes\_Campgrounds\_Final\_Swiss.pdf

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March 8, 2022

Land Services Director Jason Towne and  
Burnett County Land Use and Information Committee  
7410 County Road K, 120  
Siren, WI 54872

Re: Town Input on Amendments to Burnett County Chapter 30 Ordinances Concerning Campgrounds

Dear Director and Committee Members:

We would like to provide input regarding the LUI Committee recommendation to develop ordinance language to add a cap of 150 campsites within the RR-RC zoning district, as well as your decision not to act on adopting a proximity rule, related to a campground location.

The Town of Swiss is concerned about the potential for large seasonal campgrounds to immediately add hundreds of service users to the township, while providing no additional revenue due to the lack of a campsite user-fee framework, meaning campground seasonal residents are NOT sharing in the cost of road maintenance, law enforcement and emergency services.

With a population of 807, adding a single 150-campsite campground to the existing 165 campsites in Swiss Township represents a seasonal population that would far outnumber residents. Given that the average campground in Burnett County is currently about 50 campsites, the Town of Swiss supports capping the size of campgrounds in the RR-RC zoning district at 100 campsites or less. In the last 5 years, campground growth has increased expenditures for township services, at a time when the ambulance garage was removed from Swiss Township for budgetary reasons. The Sheriff's Department staff is already strained responding to calls outside of violations and incidents coming from campground resident activity.

The Town Board believes that all campground proposals, especially those with 50 units or more, require careful consideration of the following performance standards:

- Proximity to other uses, including other campgrounds – Currently, the unincorporated community of Danbury (population 165) is home to 2 campgrounds with a total of 145 campsites, so we need to be able to properly control new proposals that will strain township services.
- Soil type and drainage – The sandy soil in the Town has caused issues with nitrate contamination in Danbury's private wells. Large, concentrated POWTS specified by code in new campgrounds can contribute to this problem.
- Conformance to Town ordinances and comprehensive plan – The Town updated its Comprehensive Plan in 2021, in part to strategically manage future growth.

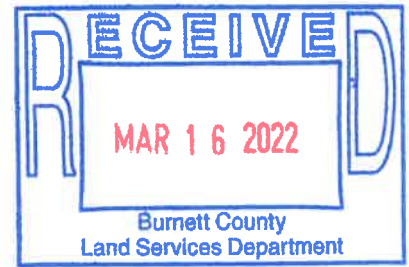
We recognize and appreciate that the Town of Swiss now has meaningful control over the location of new seasonal campgrounds through the rezoning process. Our ability to approve or deny a rezoning request outside of shoreland areas is final and allows us to exercise our discretion in the interest of our residents and the economic prosperity of the Town.

We request that the County codify performance standards, as outlined above, as part of its review of seasonal campground conditional use permits. Until then, we ask that you grant towns the authority, by ordinance, to approve or deny the creation or expansion of seasonal campgrounds when a proposed CUP would allow more than 50 campsites. These changes will grant us the ability to approve new RR-RC zoning districts in the interest of economic development, even when specific project details might not yet be fully known, and then apply reasonable performance standards to subsequent requests for large projects.

Sincerely,  
Terrance Nelson, Chair  
Gerald Pardun, Supervisor  
George Costello, Supervisor

March 10, 2022

To: Land Use & Information Committee, Jason Towne  
7410 County Road K #120  
Siren, WI 54872



From: Town of Siren Board

Subject: Burnett County Chapter 30 Campground Ordinance Amendments - Town Input

Dear Committee Members & Director Towne,

Thank you for undertaking the work of your committee to revise Burnett County Chapter 30 ordinances as they relate to campgrounds. The elected officials, residents, and taxpayers of the Town of Siren have been following the process. Our concerns include the potential for large RV parks/campgrounds to instantly add hundreds of service users to Siren Township, without providing offsetting revenues from new property taxpayers or equivalent user fees that contribute to infrastructure, emergency services, and law enforcement expenses.

Given that the average campground size in Burnett County is currently about 50 camping units, the Town of Siren supports capping the size of RV parks/campgrounds to 100 units or less in the new RR-RC zoning district. Per the 2020 U.S. Census information, just one 150-unit RV park/campground represents a seasonal increase in population of 50% or more in the Town of Siren. We think that all RV park/campground proposals, especially those with 50 units or more, should require a formal evaluation of these performance standards:

1. Proximity to other uses, including other campgrounds
2. Surface type and grade of town access road(s)
3. Soil type and drainage
4. Conformity to town ordinances and the town comprehensive plan

We acknowledge and appreciate that the Town of Siren now has significant control over the location of new seasonal RV parks/campgrounds through the rezoning process. Our ability to approve or deny a rezoning request outside of shoreland areas is definitive, which allows us to exercise our discretion in the interest of economic prosperity and the health, general welfare, and safety of Town residents.

We request that Burnett County codify performance standards in accordance with what we've outlined above as part of its review of conditional use permits for RV parks/campgrounds. Until then we ask that by ordinance, the committee grants towns authority to approve or deny all new or expansion of existing RV parks/campgrounds when a proposed CUP would result in more than 50 camping units. This change would enable the township to approve new RR-RC zoning districts in the interest of economic development even when specific proposal details might not yet be fully known, and then apply reasonable performance standards to subsequent requests for large projects.

Sincerely,

*Philip Stemann* - Chairman

*Wayne Wibey*

- Supervisor

*Diane Lund*

- Supervisor

March 21, 2022

To: Land Use & Information Committee  
c/o Jason Towne  
7410 County Road K #120  
Siren, WI 54872

**Subject: Town input on revisions to Burnett County Chapter 30 ordinances as they pertain to campgrounds**

Dear Committee Members,

The residents, taxpayers, and elected officials of the Town of Scott have been closely following the work of your committee to revise Burnett County Chapter 30 ordinances as they pertain to campgrounds. Thank you for undertaking this project. The Town of Scott is concerned about the potential for large RV subdivisions to immediately add hundreds of *service users* to our area without adding offsetting revenues from *new property tax payers* or comparable user fees to share the cost of roads and essential emergency services.

Based on 2019 U.S. Census data, just one 150-unit campground represents a seasonal increase in population of 75% or more in the Town of Scott. We understand that the typical campground size in Burnett County right now is approximately 50 camping units. The Town of Scott is opposed to any campgrounds larger than 50 camping units and would like stays at all campgrounds limited to a maximum of 2 weeks.

We recognize and appreciate that the Town of Scott now has meaningful control over the location of new seasonal campgrounds through the rezoning process. Our ability to approve or deny a rezoning request outside of shoreland areas is final and allows us to exercise our discretion in the interest of the health, general welfare, safety and economic prosperity of Town residents.

If the County does not set a 50-unit *or lower* limit on the number of camping units allowed in a campground in the new RR-RC zoning district, we would oppose any future requests to rezone land into the RR-RC district, given the recent history of campgrounds quickly expanding to 100+ units over the objection of adjoining and nearby property owners. We would also oppose rezoning shoreland areas to the RR-RC district within the Town of Scott, while recognizing that our authority is only advisory in that case.

Thank you for your consideration and your service to Burnett County.

Sincerely,  
Jeffry McIntyre



3/14/2022



To: Land Use & Information Committee  
c/o Jason Towne  
7410 County Road K #120  
Siren, WI 54872

**Subject: Town input on revisions to Burnett County Chapter 30 ordinances as they pertain to campgrounds**

Dear Committee Members,

The residents, taxpayers, and elected officials of the Town of Sand Lake have been closely following the work of your committee to revise Burnett County Chapter 30 ordinances as they pertain to campgrounds. Thank you for undertaking this project. The Town of Sand Lake is concerned about the potential for large RV subdivisions to immediately add hundreds of *service users* to our area without adding offsetting revenues from *new property taxpayers* or comparable user fees to share the cost of roads and emergency services.

Based on 2019 U.S. Census data, just one 150-unit campground represents a seasonal increase in population of 50% or more in the Town of Sand Lake. We understand that the typical campground size in Burnett County right now is approximately 50 camping units. The Town of Sand Lake supports capping the size of seasonal campgrounds in the RR-RC zoning district at 100 units *or less*. We believe that all campground projects, especially those with 50 units or more, require careful consideration of the following performance standards:

- Proximity to other uses, including other campgrounds
- Surface type and grade of Town access road(s)
- Soil type and drainage
- Conformance to Town ordinances and comprehensive plan

We recognize and appreciate that the Town of Sand Lake now has meaningful control over the location of new seasonal campgrounds through the rezoning process. Our ability to approve or deny a rezoning request outside of shoreland areas is final and allows us to exercise our discretion in the interest of the health, general welfare, safety and economic prosperity of Town residents.

We request that the County codify performance standards like what we've outlined here as part of its review of seasonal campground CUPs. Until then, we ask that you grant Towns the authority **by ordinance** to approve or deny the creation or expansion of any seasonal campground when a proposed Conditional Use Permit would allow more than 50 total camping units at a single facility. This would allow us to approve new RR-RC zoning districts in the

interest of economic development even when specific project details might not yet be fully known, and then apply reasonable performance standards to subsequent requests for large projects.

Thank you for your consideration and your service to Burnett County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ami Buess". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name "Ami Buess".

Ami Buess  
Town Chair

## Towne, Jason

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**From:** arthur kost <artkost@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 3, 2022 4:17 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Camping Grounds - there are already enough. Our towns are suffering from the many people coming into this area. Our natural resources are the most endangered. My vote would be no to any further Campgrounds in the Burnett County/the Douglas County arrea

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Kelley kosmides <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 7:13 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Campgrounds

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Pkease limit use / size of campgrounds - both season al & year round.

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Webb Lake , Wisconsin 54830



## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Joel Odegaard <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 7:32 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** So you tell me

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

If there were trying to build one of these in the boarder of your property that you bought and built for the seclusion and quite would you be ok with it. Are you going to raise your property taxes to cover the extra wear and tear on the roads the extra strain on the sheriffs office? Will you be ok when one of those dumps your property value that you worked your whole life to build into the gutter??? You need to look at all the harm and damage any of these do there is zero benefit from these. There won't be any money coming in so stop being politicians and start being good neighbors.

Joel Odegaard  
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Webster, Wisconsin 54893

## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Frederick Painter <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 8:32 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Noise as a Nuisance

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Gentlemen,

Thank you for your hard work on the campground issue. When people establish a residence they do so with the understanding that they will have the quiet enjoyment of their property. Most of you remember the winery on Little Trade Lake. My grandkids learned a lot of new words during those days and longer nights.

Here's hoping that, while establishing campground siting locations and camper numbers, you take onto consideration those souls who assumed quiet enjoyment.

Thank you for your service.

Frederick Painter  
Trade Lake

Frederick Painter  
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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Dennis Kellar <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 9:32 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Campground

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

This letter is to inform the county I oppose granting any further campground development. They do not contribute to our tax base and exploit our natural resources. This type of development does not have the best interest of our community at heart.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Jacki Stuhl <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 10:48 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Campgrounds

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

I have been a resident of Webster for over 5 years. When I try to drive into town on a weekend, I have to wait several minutes for traffic!! (Weekdays, not so much.) I oppose any campgrounds in our area. The traffic is horrendous enough without adding more congestion to Hwy 35. Keep our area the way it should be....beautiful! No more campgrounds!

Thank you

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** joseph wagoner <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2022 7:41 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Campgrounds

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Please preserve Burnett County. We are not a disposable resource that can be used and abused by those who wish to profit at any cost. I am not a tree hugger by any means, but once this area is taken over by transients, it will be ruined forever. Thank you, Joe Wagoner  
Rooney Lake

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Marcia Vejtruba <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2022 8:11 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Campsites

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

We already deal with a lot of "traffic" from snowmobiles, ATVs and the existing campers in the area, that do not provide enough of an economic boost to maintain and benefit our area. The burden is on us, the property owners. This is unfair and should be a consideration when looking at expanding commerce, as well as the environmental influence these additional sites would cause.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Claudia Claessens <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2022 8:36 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Burnett County Campgrounds

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Hello,

I am so appreciative to the time and efforts all have expended thus far in battling to maintain and preserve our lakes and the peace and serenity we enjoy in our permanent or part-time homes.

All stated, I am on Rooney Lake, and we have worked to build a somewhat amenable relationship with the Camp and Campground on the lake (Camp Croix) over the years. We continually are impacted, however, by camp/campground visitors who do not recognize, understand (and sometimes respect) the importance of lake and wildlife preservation. Boaters and fishermen using the lake and creating very unsafe situations as a result of their lack of experience is one issue. The campground waste is another issue, as we are aware of septic issues that went unchecked for years, and still we don't know if the issue has been resolved. General overpopulation of the lake (we have many skiers, fishermen with residences on the lake) and the camp/campground visitors have several canoes often full of people or over capacity, many times with no life jackets. They also have kids and adults in the water through a very narrow passage from the large to the small part of the lake, making it challenging and dangerous for boaters to get through. Last, the noise and light pollution caused by "required" bright spotlights and the numbers of visitors into the night is very disturbing. The camp has/had plans to expand their "campground" as well, and I don't know if they have already done that or not.

We already have issues with emergency resource support challenges in our county, with theft and even robberies at gunpoint happening more frequently - this increased population due to campground expansion will only stress those resources further - all without any additional tax burden for them, but rather, for the property owners (us). This is not feasible nor acceptable. We need to try to preserve the acreage and lakes in our area as much as possible, so minimizing the expansion of the campgrounds is critical. Please continue your efforts to reduce the acreage allowances - I do recognize that others want to find places of retreat, as the county and area is beautiful, but that shouldn't come at the expense/cost of others and

the habitat.

Thank you again for all that you continue to do to help support our preservation efforts!!

~Claudia Claessens

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Claudia Claessens

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Spooner, Wisconsin 54801



## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Kathy Bergeron <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2022 9:09 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Rooney Lake

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

My parents brought a cabin on Rooney Lake in 1956. This has always been vacation spot for 3 generations. The reason we love going there it quiet, peace full and relaxing. My granddaughter is already talking about going to the lake this summer. Weekends on Rooney are busy now. It is a very small lake. Having campgrounds is not good for this lake. They will to many people on the lake. Please consider no campground on Rooney Lake. I love coming to Wisconsin every year.

Thank you,  
Kathy Bergeron

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Loves Park, Illinois 61111

## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Tina Roach <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2022 9:45 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Protect Burnett County for future generations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

I am writing to ask you to help protect our area for future generations. I have been going to this area for 25 years, staying with my friends and family throughout those years. It was always my dream to own property in this area, but I had to save up to achieve that dream. About 7 or 8 years ago, I was able to purchase a piece of land just outside of Webb Lake. I had a camper that I used on this land and continued to enjoy the community. After a couple of years, I was able to save up enough money to purchase a lake home. My budget was small, but I knew I could find something if I was patient enough. I was able to buy a manufactured home with 200 feet of frontage on a small lake near Danbury. I purchased this for under \$150K. A couple of years ago, there was a group that was looking to build a campsite near this area and their claim was that the lakes needed to be opened up for people who couldn't afford \$900K homes. I wondered where these homes were... most of the homes on my lake are quite modest. That is when I reflected on my experience. It took me 20 years to achieve my dream of owning property on a lake in Burnett County. I ask that you preserve this dream for future generations and don't allow these camp sites to over-populate our lakes and public lands. With hard work and perseverance, I believe anyone can accomplish this dream. I want to see campground limits of 100 sites or less and camp sites less than 5 per acre. I recognize this can be a means for people to enjoy the area, while they work to fulfill their dream of owning property and I am not looking to prevent that. I want to see controls in place to assure these camp sites do not become a shortcut to the dream, only a means to enjoy the area, while they pursue the dream. Thank you.

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Danbury, Wisconsin 54830

## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Jackie Hoff <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2022 9:57 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Stronger limits on campgrounds

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Please support stronger limits on all of these proposed campgrounds as well as adopt standard language for any future proposals by others to keep our rural lifestyle in line with standards each location can meet with the resources we have ...

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Danbury, Wisconsin 54830-9679

## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Peter Garrard Beck <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2022 10:11 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Amending the campground rules

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear Chairman Conroy, Director Towne and Supervisors Anderson, Blomberg, Pearson, Bickford, Awe and Paden,

My wife Maureen and I want you to know how much we love our cabin on Big Bear Lake in Burnett County. I'm writing this letter this morning to underscore the critical need to amend the campground rules in order to preserve the remarkable beauty and peaceful character of cabin life. For 10 years we have enjoyed an oasis of tranquility but also recognized the gradual erosion of the quality of cabin life due in large measure to overcrowding at campgrounds. As landowners we invested a substantial amount of our personal capital in our cabin and land because we recognized it would be a foundational part of the overall quality of life.

I want to briefly address in my letter our personal perspective on three critical but controversial subjects: density standards for those individuals living and drawing on the resources of Burnett County, the need to limit campsites in the new RR-RC zoning district, and the clear need to remove ostensible "campgrounds" from the RR-3.

First, we strongly support a LUI reduction of inhabitant units to 2 or at most 3 units per acre to remain in line with lot size and subdivision rules throughout Burnett County. We believe it would be patently unfair to allow temporary visitors to crowd into an area and use it for any portion of or all of the late spring, summer and early fall time periods, while not paying any taxes or significant fees for all the services (ie, police, fire, environmental maintenance and so forth.) To us a very simple metric of comparison would be to ask the campers how they would feel if a similar invasion of their own primary residence neighborhoods were crowded with individuals who paid essentially no taxes or fees but expected to draw on all of their home county's benefits and services. This economic disparity is obvious and completely contrary to established norms of equal treatment of all residents.

Second, my wife and I believe a cap of 100 camping units in the new RR-RC area per facility is exceedingly generous and should not be increased without a thorough airing of all viewpoints already proposed and unanimously approved. Additionally and briefly, core concerns include crowding other contiguous uses, access roads, environmental threats to soils and functional land drainage, and attention to existing town ordinances and already existing town growth plans. Rural areas should be preserved with long established and expected green spaces or landscapes may well devolve into suburban, exurban rings ad infinitum.

Third, we strongly favor removing reputed "campgrounds" from RR-3. We understand the LUIC had unanimously approved removing such campgrounds in the rural-residential Zoning District. As referenced in the paragraph above, campgrounds should clearly not be allowed in residential areas for the quite obvious reason that such campgrounds would dilute to the point of meaninglessness the term residential. Our cabin is an integral and significant part of our long term assets and foundational to our quality of life. Investing in our cabin has naturally been coupled with pride of ownership, full acceptance of our responsibilities as landowners and citizens, as well as attendant vigilance to ensure our family's growth and financial security. Integral to societal development is reasoned and fair divisions in economic contributions to overall cost of living calculations. For long established reasons, land ownership, planning and use parameters have been successfully employed. The vast majority of citizens clearly recognize that owning land creates a keen will to share and thoughtfully preserve communities--whether urban or rural.

Thank you for addressing these issues with careful consideration and attention.

Sincerely,

Peter and Maureen Beck

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Adam Jaskolski <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2022 12:21 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Hello,

I'm writing in response to the upcoming LUIC meeting on April 5th.

I am in support of limiting the the size of camp grounds.

The last campground that directly effected me was the old Houman's property, because that one ultimately didn't go through we are hoping to renovate our cabin into a forever home in the next couple of years. I look forward to supporting the community for a very long time. If the campground would've went through, we would have sold our property and purchased elsewhere.

Danbury is a great place to live, but I would not do it next to a campground.

Thank you for your consideration,

Adam, Angela, Violet Jaskolski

Adam Jaskolski

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Danbury, Wisconsin 54830

## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Richard (Dick) Kavaney <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2022 2:17 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear Sir:

We bought our cabin in 1972. And have spent thousands of enjoyable hours there since. We have three children, a son, a daughter and a second son. The oldest two were two and four in 1972.

The kids have repeatedly told us we can sell our home but not the cabin. I am 84 and my wife is 80. A few years back we transferred the cabin to our daughter. She is now enjoying it with her children.

The cabin has always been our place of peace. Over the fifty four years we have owned it there have been times when we much needed a place of peace.

The kids all learned how to swim and how to skie, and to enjoy the surrounding nature. My daughter has her degree in Biology. Our oldest won his seventh grade science competition with a pictorial record of the many different mushrooms in the woods behind the cabin.

In 1972 less than half of the frontage had cabins. Today virtually all the frontage has cabins. Campsites such are being proposed would destroy the atmosphere of Big Bear Lake, and Webb Lake Township, and Burnett County.

1. We support the Work Group's recommendation to amend the current density standard of 10 campsites per acre to a lower limit. LUIC should reduce the density standard to a level that is more compatible with other lot size and subdivision rules across the County. This would be a limit of 2-3 units per acre or lower.
2. We support the Work Group's recommendation to develop ordinance language to cap the number of campsites within the RR-RC zoning district a cap of 100 camping units per facility or lower.
3. We unconditionally support of the Work Group's recommendation to remove campgrounds as a conditional use in the RR-3 Zoning District.

It is very important we preserve the connection to nature we, and our children, now have.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

Dick and Peg Kavaney

Richard (Dick) Kavaney

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Danbury, Wisconsin 54830



## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Pam O'Keefe <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2022 3:14 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

We know everyone has worked timelessly on this matter and we appreciate it. It seems like our voices were already known on this subject but here we are again. We as property owners care about the wildlife, lakes , streams, roads, police, land , etc. We care about piece and quite. The people that come into these campgrounds do not have anything invested here. They bring their 4 wheelers and boats from all over and noise all hours of the night. Especially boats that we don't even know where they have been and drop them in the clean lakes here and know one checks them for endangered species prior to dropping in the water. They don't pay taxes. Our taxes and insurance keep going up! There is only 1 grocery store in town. We don't have enough police to police these areas for drugs and alcohol. They are here for a weekend of fun and then leave. Our roads are not in good shape and all the extra traffic wii not help. Not enough parking at boat landings. I sincerely hop e you ar e considering all things that can be affected by these campgrounds. There are already 2 campgrounds on highway 70. One after the roundabout and 1 at the Hertel. How many do we need? Thank you for listening.

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Webster, Wisconsin 54893

## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Daniel Wills <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2022 3:26 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear supervisors and chairman, I currently (for over 45 years) own a cabin on Big Bear Lake. About 25 years ago a group of developers built a 4 unit lodge between us and the Lumberjack Saloon. They were sold to individual owners as condo's. All was well until one owner bought out the rest and started renting them to anyone. We saw, first hand, the influx of renters who partied until all hours and had no knowledge of common lake rules, boating laws and dock safety. We learned soon that renters and RV folks are "up for a good time" and create long term problems. Also please consider the strain on our lakes which are already filled to capacity. Another serious fact is that our energy grid could experience brown out or overloads. Most RV's have 2 A/C units each which draw a lot more current than ours. Please keep the density LOW.

Thanks for reading, Dan Wills

Daniel Wills  
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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Daniel and Laura Kaye <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 9:04 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

My Grandparents built the Webb Lake Hotel In Webb Lake, Wisconsin, in 1918-1919. All summers from 1948 to present I spent time on Big Bear Lake in Webb Lake, Wisconsin. The #1 reason was for 'the Great Outdoors' without any CITY LIFE. I do NOT want to see this 'Great Outdoors' destroyed with disasterous 'camping units per acre' of people; since I am a 'rare taxpayer', I do NOT wish to pay for these 'camping unit people'; IF you do NOT have these people help pay for police, fire, roads, etc., this is NOT fair, morally or ethically. Keep in mind, there is NO GOVERNEMENT without the taxpayer; you people work for us.....well, PLEASE work for us and future generations....and especially...for 'the Great Outdoors'.

Thank You for your service to the community, Dan Kaye

IF you around in Webb Lake during the Saint Patrick's Day Parade, I am the Last Float in the Parade, for the 21st Year, supporting Burnett County Foodshelf and Burnett County Veterans. That day I will raise more than \$5400.00 for these fellow Americans who need help. God Bless America!

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Terry Youngren <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 9:39 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Good morning Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns. My wife and I have been coming up to Webster Wisconsin since 78. First renting cabins five years ago we were blessed enough to buy our dream cabin. Which in a very short time I will become our summer home retirement just around the corner. Our concerns about the campsite. Traffic, I cannot imagine what it would be like to try to go to a store. I would imagine you need to put stoplights in. Safety, bonfires, storm shelter, bathrooms, over populating lakes. This will put money in the pocket of some people but the financial burden will be on the taxpayer again. I do understand both sides.. But I am not This will put money in the pocket of some people but the financial burden will be on the taxpayer again. I do understand both sides.. But I am Not In favor of a another campground, Or trailer park. Thank you and have a great day.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Peter Keen <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 10:10 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

I just wanted to write a letter in support of the campground recommendations from the Land Use and Info Committee. My family and I are avid campers and spend at least 1 week a summer on a camping vacation plus a couple of additional weekends camping. I also appreciate the work that the county and the special committee has done to find a good compromise for campers and residents of Burnett county.

I would still like to advocate for making a couple of changes to the recommendations. I think that the 5 sites per acre is still too dense. It will lead to the type of campgrounds that are just an open field filled with campers. I don't think this is the quality of campground that we want in the county. Getting the density down to 2 or 3 sites per acre would encourage the type of campground that fits into the natural surroundings. We find these types of campgrounds to be much more enjoyable to stay at and worth paying extra money for. Burnett county is known for it's rural setting, let's make the campgrounds reflect that.

Second, I would encourage you to rethink the zoning on the campgrounds. Allowing large campgrounds close to current residents could really be disruptive. When a campground is full there is a lot of extra noise, smoke from campfires, traffic, and food for scavengers like racoons. First the larger the campground, the more disruptive it is. Second, allowing campgrounds close to current residents will also be disruptive no matter the size. My recommendation is to make the campgrounds smaller and further from current residents. Again, this will increase the quality of the campgrounds in Burnett county and reduce the impact on current residents.

Sincerely,  
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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Ed Batton <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 10:11 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** "Campground" Village Scammers

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

It seems obvious the Land Use Committee of Burnett County has been very slow and reluctant in recognizing the real threats to Burnett County residents posed by phony "campgrounds"... they really are unregulated high density villages of permanent residents... paying no tax!  
For God's Sake... Wake Up!

We have been targeted by fast buck "campground" operators. The Land Use Committee does not seem able to catch on to the scam of flipping cheap land into high density and troublesome villages populated by non taxpayers often from Minnesota. These village residents and operators... some using political connections... have no regard for the authentic taxpayer residents or the serious damage they do to our county.  
Once they ruin Burnett with destroyed property values they will simply move on.

It's time for the Land Use Committee to find courage and protect us from these unregulated villages once and for all.

Show some guts please. You were elected to make tough common sense choices.

Thank you.

Ed Batton  
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PS...

This is a recent article...

"Criminal Activity Has Evolved

In February 2019, Chuck Woodbury, editor of RV Travel theorized that RV park crime was up

due to the changing demographics. He wrote that many RVers transitioned from tourist RVers to full time and seasonal RVers. Along with that observation, he guesstimated that 20% of the RV Parks are not areas tourist travelers would frequent. Instead, he surmised these were parks where people who are barely getting by took up permanent residence. Chuck compares these parks to low-income communities and have related problems and subsequently, similar crimes."

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Martha Malan <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 10:50 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

I am highly concerned about the potential for new campground regulations to be too weak to preserve the natural beauty of Burnett County. I have enjoyed my home on Lake Minerva for going on 50 years and the thought of it being subject to overpopulation is frightening. What we have in Burnett County is too precious to squander.

Specifically, I would ask that ordinances be changed so that the number of camping units in the new RR-RC commercial zone is limited to no more than 50 per facility, per-acre camping units are limited to be to three or fewer and that no campground are permitted in residential zoning districts.

Please, preserve the unique haven that is Burnett County.

Sincerely,

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Sara Andersen <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 12:32 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Hello, and thank you for your work on this important issue! I support all the revisions proposed by the Preserve Burnett County organization, but I feel particularly strongly that the density for these "campgrounds" should be limited to 2 - 3 units per acre, or less. It's only fair to have limits that are similar to those for other private residential property, especially since the campgrounds aren't assessed higher taxes to reflect their potential increased usage of town and county resources and infrastructure. No one, except the campground developers, would benefit from allowing higher density campgrounds, and it could have a significant negative impact on our beautiful local environment, wildlife, natural resources, and infrastructure (especially public boat landings and roads).

Thank you for your time.

Sara Andersen

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Pamela Miller <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 2:01 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to support the removal of campgrounds as a conditional use in the RR-3 zoning district. I also wish to advocate for stronger limits on the number of campgrounds and units per campground (2 per acre maximum). I have observed the increase of usage and resulting degradation on township roads and 4-wheeler trails since more campers have come into our Webb Lake Area. I am an invasive species monitor at the Des Moines Lake and Long Lake Landings and have noticed an increase in non-lake resident traffic. Our lakes and forested lands consist of fragile ecosystems. Having been a summer resident on Long Lake since 1982, I have noticed a decrease in the clarity of the water and increase in pollution. More people translates into decreased environmental health. Pamela Miller Long Lake Resident

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Jon Ahlstrand <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 10:30 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

I have been a property owner in Burnett County for 30 years. It has always been a very good county to have a house and now be a permanent resident.

Do we really need all these campgrounds. Everytime you turn around another campground wants to be established or another campground rule needs to be established. These campgrounds are just for owner to make a profit on their land. Enough is enough and if this comes up again I am inclined to just sell my wonderful property and just move on.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Richard Walter <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 5:29 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear Burnett County Supervisor:

My wife and I have been summertime residents for 21 years. During that time we have witnessed changes and growth in our area, mostly positive. Cabins and homes have been upgraded and refurbished. Bars and restaurants too have have been expanded and updated. We have enjoyed many wonderful experiences with our friends, neighbors and fellow residents. The few unpleasant experiences I have had have been with non residents, usually weekend visitors. Several personal observations range from violations of boating rules and etiquette (no-wake zones and shoreline distance issues) to avoiding boat cleaning to avoiding invasive species contamination. My wife and I joined a the "Clean Boats Clean Waters" volunteer group at Long and DesMoine Lakes to help keep our lakes clean and safe.

As a former Webb Lake firefighter and long time resident, I am sad to see the expansion and proliferation additional camp ground sites. I know you have received many letters detailing the negative effects (additional wear and tear on trails, roads and lakes without adequate revenue to compensate). Each site has a detrimental multiplier effect. I don't know the ratio, but it must be greater than two to one.

In short, my wife and I strongly urge you to stand fast on your earlier recommendations to limit campground and campground site expansion.

Sincerely,

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I am worried about the quality of life for all in our beautiful area. As we know, we cannot stop progress. I would just like to see strong, long term, thoughtful planning in place.

What has changed in my 28+ years of owning property in Burnett county is, to name a few:

1) Reduced standards for building permits to accommodate everyone. Campgrounds and RV parks are not the same but similar. Both campsites/rv sites need to have adequate room in order to retain the beauty of the northwoods. Camping now is not what I call camping. It's not low impact anymore, it's high impact. A simple tent is rarely used. It's now: tent trailers, small pull behinds, big pull behinds, small motorized homes, huge motorized homes ..... all towing boats, jet skis, atv's, utvs. The air pollution alone is detrimental. An acre is not a very big piece of land. Trees do not do well with driving over and compacting their roots. They die a slow death. We already are losing our oak trees and birches due to climate change. The beauty of the northwoods is the woods. We would like our campgrounds to be beautiful and not turn our woods into parking lots.

Instead of looking at how many campsites per acre, lets look at how many trees should be required per acre.

2) An influx of vacationers who do not help take care of our precious resources. Our fresh water cannot be replaced. Being able to breath clean air is priceless. The trespassing on private property is overwhelming. Hikers from campgrounds think they can just hike anywhere. They don't know/care what public and private means. The behaviors of boaters on the lakes and the roads is already dangerous and becoming worse every year.

3) Quality of Life is degraded during vacation season from May to September. Me and my family fish. It's terrible trying to fish during those months. It's rare to see the DNR. The atv/utv tour groups fill roads and they are noisy. I get stuck behind them every summer. There's so many more people and no more enforcement. It's not the wild west and following the laws should not be dependant on an honor system.

4) Light pollution is already a huge problem and growing. The animals are impacted by all these lights. Nights are supposed to be dark where we can see the stars and the milky way. I feel like I live by a strip mall. Noise pollution is almost unstoppable. We do not want this type of life.

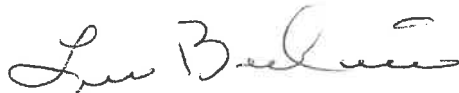
5) My taxes go up every year and I am hard pressed to see where the money goes. The roads are falling apart. These roads eat vehicle tires at a fast pace. The

enforcement of my above concerns doesn't occur. In reading the newspaper I hardly ever see violations for the above issues in the court dockets. How is that possible if we care about the area?

Retaining our natural resources has to keep up with population spikes. We currently cannot keep up. Local people pay for the dubious benefit of all of these vacationers. Please do not burden our natural resources and our already overburdened wallets. We can and should impose requirements on any campground in order to retain and share what we love.

Respectfully,

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Jordan Flagstad <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 10:20 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Please impose stronger limits and regulations on campgrounds and help to preserve Burnett County. These developers have one motive and that is only to make money and leave the villages to clean up the messes and deal with the problems.

Jordan Flagstad

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Michael Gehlen <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 1:37 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

I support the Preserve Burnett County's recommendations on Campgrounds. We have been subsidizing them long enough. Let's limit how many more are allowed.

Thank you,  
Peggy and Mike Gehlen

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Don Button <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 4:43 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Having observed Big Sand since 1941 including two decades as a leading professional on two aspects lake function I offer the following opinion. Decline in lake health became apparent in the 50's. There were four summer resorts with a total of about 15 cabins for summer use. Lake users were fishers, caught out larger members of a half dozen game fish species leading to dwarfing, decrease in species size distributions, walleye extinction, and a skewing of mean fish sizes. This is unhealthy for lakes as now clearly demonstrated. Most of the many mayfly species are gone, a main food source. This problem is likely due to insecticides and sediment disturbance by wakes from power crafts. Urban type culture inhibits a cortical land / water exchanges of nutrients and biomass. Several species of invasive plants have established, the most problematic being a hybrid cattail. Wild rice loss is problematic to lake productivity and Native American culture. Limited interest in lake function is already severely limited due to users whose homes and main interests are elsewhere. We used to rent space for a few campers with tents and cooked over open fires. Now we watch power boats, fireworks and a crowded hallow of long docks. Ecologists now quantify human impacts on lakes and culture. Additional trailer parks is going the wrong direction. As a professional student of the environment it is my opinion that the proposed campground, whatever the size. will have a negative impact on our environment. Informed full time lake resident. Don Button.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Bradford G Stone <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 5:25 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Concern for the expansion of RV camping in Burnett County

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear Sirs/Madams,

I am a long time resident of Burnett County with a lake home at 31178 Rainbow Dr., Webb Lake. We have owned this lake home since 1992. I have been concerned regarding the increase in traffic and the decrease in water quality on Webb Lake. I am convinced this is because of the increased size of the RV parks at the Oak Ridge and what was formerly Rosenthals. On the weekend the boat traffic is significant and the runoff from the RV parks has resulted in an increase in algae bloom in summer.

As you well know, the property taxes are substantial on Webb Lake. Should the degradation of the lake continue it will no longer be worth the money to have a lake home on the lake. As you also know the RV park people pay no substantial property taxes and are therefore enjoying the lake without the financial burden.

Therefore, I am writing you to encourage you to support the following ordinance changes:

1. A density of 2-3 camping units per acre or lower
2. A cap of no more than 100 camping units per facility or lower in then new RR-RC commercial zone
3. No campgrounds allowed in the RR-3 zone.

I am not opposed to RV camping enjoying the lake but we need to control this so that there will be a lake left to enjoy.

Thank you for your consideration,

Bradford G. Stone

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** DAVID GREENE <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 9:44 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Wow thanks for all your work. I really mean this.

25 years ago when we purchased land. A 5 acre lot was required. We have been good stewards of those 5 acres. And now many deer, turkeys, bear and multiple animals and birds have used this land along with our family. It is a great treat to see and hunt these animals and we are hoping our grandchildren have that same chance. And its not just us but all those people who drive by and see deer, turkey and the occasional bear or wolf or coyote. Most all the nieghbors have had to obey the 5 acre lot size. That is why the animals here have prospered.

If possible lets limit campsites to 2 maybe 3 units per acre. That would be 15 sites on 5 acres. Also would like to add that lets be firm with policy because people will look for loopholes, and all your hard work will be slowly eroded. Dave

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Steve Voit <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 8:59 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Thanks to all for your continued work to address the RV campground issue and improve the quality of life in our county.

During the April 5th hearing please consider a cap of no more than 100 camping units per facility with a limit of 2-3 units or less per acre. A visit to any of Burnett County's high-density campgrounds currently in operation shows how important these limits are. RVs with decks, sheds, patios and porches are stacked on top of one another. My property is directly across the Yellow River from a site where an RV park had been proposed. A crowded RV park (with its noise and light pollution) is the last thing my neighbors and I want to see developed.

While the cramming of RVs allows campground owners to squeeze more money from their property, it only increases the demand for fire, EMS and police services that county residents have to pay for. Please protect residents and their property values by 1) Amending RV campsite density standards to a lower level, 2) Capping the number of campsites within the RR-RC zoning district and 3) Removing campgrounds as a conditional use in the RR-3 Zoning District.

Again, thank you for your time and effort in protecting the quality of Burnett County for my family and neighbors.

Sincerely,  
Steve Voit

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Debra Koehler <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 9:56 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear Supervisors,

We own the property at 4669 County Road C in Danbury . We have enjoyed the peaceful serenity of the Northwoods for over 20 years.

With the expansion/creation of campgrounds, County Road C has now become a race track for ATV's/UTV's. It seems no one, or at least very few, obey the speed limit rules. Not only is there noise pollution, there is also more roadside trash.

Another area of concern, is water usage. Will the increased consumption in these campgrounds affect the local wells and aquifer?

These Campgrounds should be paying more in taxes. Why should the local residents be shouldering the costs for the increased maintenance of the roads, fire and police services? Why can campers make improvements on their site, i.e. decks/sheds and not be taxed?

The infrastructure can not handle the increase in the traffic. Have you tried going through Webster or Siren on a Sunday afternoon? Have you tried using our beautiful ATV/UTV trails on the weekends? For safety reasons, we only ride on weekdays.

There are many reason why we should preserve our amazing Northwoods. Hopefully we can.

Thank you for your time,  
Greg and Deb Koehler

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Jeff Kennedy <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:23 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Please consider limitations of campground size and occupant count to preserve the area and not raise the population density. It area is a special and precious get away to enjoy nature and for rejuvenation of our spirits.

Having campsites and RV parks that raise our occupancy density beyond 50 units will bring close to 200 to 300 more people to the area per park. The impact on our lakes, streams, and wildlife will be impacted and the environmental atmosphere will be changed.

Best regards,

Jeff and Julie Kennedy

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Colleen Baer <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:36 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Please preserve the beautiful, peaceful rural nature of Burnett County. Large RV Campgrounds are a drain on all the natural resources with little investment or respect from the campground owners and renters.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** David Rosendahl <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:58 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

I am writing with my concerns about high density campgrounds that are springing up around our county.

I feel we should not allow a density limit of more than 2 camping units per acre. High density campgrounds put a strain on our police, fire and first responders and our environment.

I believe we should have a campsite cap of less than 100 camping units per facility in new RR-RC commercial zone.

I also strongly believe there should be no campgrounds allowed in RR-3 or any other residential zoning districts.

We live in a beautiful area that needs to be protected, I think if we use some common sense we can keep our county a natural and pristine area that our generations in the future will be able to enjoy like we do.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Jolene Louwagie <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 4:09 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Greetings,

As a long term property owner in Burnett County, I would like to see restrictions put in place around RV parks/campgrounds. I think campground sizes should be no larger than 100 units, with the additional restriction of no more than 3 units per acre. I also would like to see a significant 'buffer' between campgrounds. I recognize the benefits of providing more access for people to enjoy the rural beauty of Burnett County, but large and overcrowded campgrounds do not provide that experience. I urge you to take the necessary steps to preserve the rural qualities of the county.

Thanks for your consideration,  
Jolene Louwagie

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Lee Whitcraft <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 8:45 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

I have enjoyed the Webster area since 1959 when my parents bought a cabin on Connors Lake.

My wife and I built our retirement home on this same property and became full time Webster residents in 2010.

I have seen the campgrounds grow and expand significantly since 2010. I do not mind paying property taxes to support county roads, law enforcement and EMT services. I do not want my tax dollars to support the large RV campgrounds! Who continues to lobby board members continue to loosen future reasonable campground rules?

Campgrounds of 150 RVs add too much stress on our counties safety and road infrastructure. I would like to see supervisors spend a couple weeks at one of the current 150 plus RV campgrounds and see what its like!

Please listen and support those who have spent the better part of a year working on campground growth recommendations!

Sincerely,

Lee Whitcraft

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Philip Louwagie <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 9:37 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Thank you for allowing me to provide my thoughts regarding a difficult situation and decision for you. I understand that everyone has a right to enjoy Burnett county and all that it has to offer. I also understand that the current population, likewise, has the right to enjoy their property as it was when purchased.

This can be a delicate balance, but I believe can be resolved through thoughtful planning. I understand there are many tentacles as part of your decision process. How do you preserve Burnett County while allowing current owners as well as future owners to exercise their right to enjoy its fruits. How do you accommodate those desirous of coming to Burnett Co in an affordable way while considering the rights of the current population and preserving their rights.

1) I do not believe concentrated population should be allowed without providing some additional financial support to the County/City/Township. If they are able to enjoy the fruits of the county, they should also contribute to what made/keeps the county a great place to visit. Increase the tax rate based on population concentration with a goal of reducing the goal of population as concentrated as possible. Charge a tax on each individual parcel. Set limits on population concentration in a manner that maintains the rural nature of the county.

2) There should be limits on concentration numbers. If it's nature/serenity/solitude they want (which is what the county is truly about), then they should not have neighbors so close as to take away that very concept.

3) We have seen what concentrated campsite populations can do the an area. Noise, crime, partying at the expense of their surrounding population does not achieve the goal of a beautiful and attractive Burnett County.

4) The need for services should be paid for by those who require them, not those that have and continue to pay for their current services. This should not add to their burden in any way.

5) By way of example, the Camp site SW of Danbury has already created issues of noise, lawlessness, and chaos. Starting fires on neighboring farmland should not be tolerated without cost to the camp site tenants. Super concentration seems to promote these very

issues. I know that people near this site have become concerned about theft and other problems as has the sheriffs office.

6) Just like CAFO's, Burnett County cannot allow concentration that benefit the few at the expense of the majority and the very quality of life that the County is promoting.

Again, while I agree that others have the right to enjoy the fruits of Burnett county, that ability should not be at a cost to it's current membership whether it's quality of life, solitude or simple cost of ownership. Moderation, limits, are key to successfully allowing others to contribute to the success of the county, and enjoyment of nature without impacting those currently residing and supporting the county.

Thank you for allowing me to address my concerns.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Linda Hall <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 11:58 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

I am very concerned about the environmental impact of a campground on or very near Deer Lake. The lake currently has pristine water quality, but is very small and cannot be adequately protected with any significant increase in motorized boats beyond those of lake residents. Increased boating traffic will endanger the loons, eagles and gamefish. It will also further exacerbate the shore erosion. Specific ordinance changes to ask for in your letter include:

I support:

Density Limit: of 2-3 camping units per acre or lower

Campsite Cap: a cap of <100 camping units per facility or lower in the new RR-RC commercial zone

No campgrounds allowed in RR-3 or any other residential zoning districts

Please give thoughtful consideration to these recommendations to protect our natural resources.

Sincerely,

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** MARGARET THRASH <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 12:19 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Fifty units or less is the only reasonable limit to the number of developments permitted in Burnett County!! Please stop letting people come in and try to ruin the character of the county. Enough is enough!

-Maggie Thrash

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Neil Raisanen <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

I am very concerned about proposed campgrounds increasing density on our pristine lakes and the environmental damage that allowing this to occur would cause.

The boat landing on Big sand Lake could not accommodate an additional 50 - 100 boats.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Karen Bolles <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 12:35 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Definition of "Campgrounds"

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

I think you should define campgrounds as sites where people camp for periods of one week or less.

Sites that allow longer periods are "Residential" and should conform to those zoning regulations.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Michael Schafhauser <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Thank you for taking the time to read this. My family has been active in Burnett County since 1958. This is my 63rd year on Lake Des Moines. When softball was big, my brothers played with the Webb Lake team even though we aren't from Webb Lake. I can remember Min Krantz, Dave Neukom, Adam Banek, the real Clifford Main and Iven Johnson. My Dad was lucky enough to be on the list to be sued by N.E.Issacson company for protesting the over development that was to become Voyager Village. Unfortunately, there hasn't been a great deal of learning from that experience. We now have the same issues with a much greater density of people than even that had on the County. We need the density capped at 3 camp sites or less per acre. There shouldn't be more than 100 units per facility and there shouldn't be ANY campgrounds in RR3 areas. At least in the beginning , Voyager required that the campers had to be removed to an off site storage facility. The "development" of campgrounds only increases costs to property owners in the Coounty without a fair distribution of property taxes paid.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Mark Whitcomb <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 1:06 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Hello

My family has been enjoying Webb Lake for over 48 years after purchasing our cabin on S. Webb Lake Drive when I was literally in the womb. This beautiful place became the constant location for our family gatherings and the place where I learned to swim, fish, waterski, sail, and canoe. For Webb Lake itself, we especially appreciate the Town ordinance that restricts boating speed to "no wake" from 5 pm to 10 am. This has made peaceful evenings, mornings, and the enjoyment of fishing, loons, eagles and wildlife possible.

It is nearly impossible to enforce this ordinance and the situation is not helped by a large influx of folks to campgrounds/RV parks that are not familiar with the area and accepted practices. My hope for the future is that areas for visitors can be limited and managed responsibly to preserve the precious characteristics I have described above. I believe it is vital to limit the development of campgrounds/RV parks to no more than 50 units especially when located near bars or taverns. I do not believe the commercial sale of alcohol should be located close to higher density residential or campground/RV park areas. Bars and taverns and large groups of people are not a good combination for peaceful, safe, and respectful behavior in our forests and on our lakes.

I request the following:

- No more than 2 or 3 camping units per acre
- A limit of no more than 50 camping units per facility and at least 2 miles between facilities
- No campgrounds/RV parks in RR-3 or any other residential zoning district

I certainly sympathize with the difficult task for land use managers, this working group, town boards and the county. You are being asked to balance economic development, land rights, public service resources and the wishes of residents and part-time residents. Therefore I ask

only that you consider my wishes in this matter and do your best to plan for a sustainable and beautiful future for Burnett County.

Sincerely,  
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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Burke Ellingson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Please consider the strongest possible measures to limit the growth of RV parks. I write from personal experience as my home is one block away from the recently expanded Devils Lake RV park. A beautiful native field was carved up into new RV sites that sit shoulder to shoulder. There is not so much as a tree in the entire area, just rows of RV's and the associated lawn chairs and other personal property strewn about. Nothing about this set up seems rural, and the overcrowding causes the park patrons to spill out onto small local streets to drive their 4 wheelers, motorcycles and dirt bikes. Trespassing on my property has skyrocketed as park patrons look for shortcuts to access other areas that are less crowded. I don't necessarily fault the park patrons for the situation, but there are simply too many people (RV's) squeezed into an otherwise featureless RV park. Regulations should prohibit the conversion of wonderful natural settings into what looks like an urban RV sales yard. Thank you for considering my input.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Michelle Easterbrook <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 1:10 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

To whom it may concern....

I would like to express concern of this campground coming into our community. Like noted in several places, this will increase the use of our lakes, parks, fire and emergency police and EMS. These campers do not pay property taxes. Maybe the county should consider a building development or a town house development to make these people residents or at least tax payers. Our little town can not handle all these extra people.

Thank You!

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Shelli Black <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear Land Use Committee and Related Parties

First of all, thank you very much for all your hard work on this issue. Please know that your time and effort is appreciated ! It is heartening to know that you are all listening to your constituents.

I live on a lake with a summer church campground, so I have the experience to be speaking about the issues at hand. The bible camps throughout the summer, when there is small attendance of children playing and using canoes, is tolerable, although it does have its own noise and environmental issues. However, when the camp has bigger groups there and/or have allowed motor boats on their beaches, it is chaos. It is akin to living in the Wisconsin Dells ! It is easy to understand that more people in a small area brings more problems . . . and no tax money to help fix those problems.

There are a few recommendations that you are going to make that I would like to discuss.

First, with respect to density. The proposed 5 campsites per acre standard is an improvement, but does not go far enough. The committee should reduce the density standard to a level that is more compatible with other lot size and subdivision rules across the County. I request that you recommend a limit of 2 units per acre.

Next, with respect to the number of campsites within the new RR-RC. I do not understand why you are recommending 50% higher than the 100-unit limit the committee previously proposed and unanimously approved. I request that you recommend a cap of 100 camping units per facility.



Finally, with respect to the concept of removing 'campgrounds' from RR-3. I whole heartedly support your recommendation to remove campgrounds as a conditional use in the RR-3 (rural residential) Zoning District. Campgrounds should not be allowed in residential areas, period.

Thank your for your consideration of my ideas. Burnett County is a beautiful area that I do not want turned into something like the Dells.

Thank you,  
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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Dan BOLLES <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Burnett County Zoning

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

This issue is FAR larger than just considering campgrounds. Burnett County MUST consider just what its plan is for the next 100 years. What do we want to look like when we grow up?

Please let me use an example to clarify.

In the St Paul area of Minnesota, there are two communities right next door to each other with two entirely different views of what their residents want their communities to be.

Afton: These residents value their rural setting and want to keep it that way. They have farms, woods, pastures, little traffic - a rural setting that values nature and their beautiful natural resources. They have little commercial zoning and limit residential sites to a minimum of 5 acres. Their population remains about 3,000 in their 26 sq. mile area.

Woodbury: These residents, located right next door to Afton, want an area with shopping, schools, churches, parks, public transportation - what you would expect in a city. Woodbury has grown from 4,500 in 1970 to over 70,000 today in their 36 sq. mile area.

What do we want Burnett county to look like 100 years from now? Afton residents say "We don't want to become another Woodbury"... and this directs everything they do. If Burnett county doesn't develop a vision and a plan to achieve that vision, we will become "Another Woodbury" whether we want to or not.

Consider why you live in Burnett county. What do you value here? What is our VISION? If we don't develop that vision and make moves to protect it, we will just evolve to wherever the demographic forces happen to take us.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Philip Miller <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear county supervisors,

I am a 5 1/2 month summer/fall resident in Webb Lake Township. We have been spending summers at our home since 1982. Up until recently we've enjoyed peaceful, quiet years enjoying the area and our association with the people who live here. Then land owners began dividing their land into lots of around 5 acres or less and selling them. As if that wasn't enough, we now have a large campground on Webb Lake. The result: long platoons of loud obnoxious ATVs clogging up our roads. Also, more backlanders fishing out our lake. I can't enjoy catch and release fishing any more because there aren't any fish left in the lake to catch. Plus, there are more people driving too fast for the roads. Our township roads weren't designed to drive faster than 35 mph (roads are too narrow and sight distances are too short); yet few drive that speed. With more cars driving too fast and all those ATVs sharing the road, it's becoming more unsafe--even more so when you factor in the increase of pedestrians and bicyclists.

We need to aggressively limit the construction of new campgrounds to keep things from getting any worse. I believe the following proposals to do this are the right thing to do if we are to keep our county from deteriorating any more than it already has: 1) No campgrounds allowed in RR-3 or any other residential zoning district, 2) Density limit of no more than 2 camping units per acre, 3) A cap on campsites to no more than 100 camp units per facility. Thank you for your attention.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Robert Grilz <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 1:22 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

We do not want to see any more campgrounds, 5 units or 200 units. We are transplants, moved here from the cities to get away from "that" life. Did it the correct way, purchased land, built a home, pay taxes and become a member of a community. Campers have no respect for not only the land but for the community and its people, what will be next allow tent cities like Minneapolis and St. Paul has?

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Janine Joseph <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 1:24 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

To Whom it may Concern,

As a life-long, multi-generational owner of land in Burnett County, I need to let you know my extreme concern with the plans to add this RV subdivision. I have 3 properties in Burnett County. I have built my dream home there and plan on retiring there soon. I have loved and governed this beautiful area literally my entire life. My grandfather built our families original summer home in the 1950s; long before I was born. I've seen changes in the area, however, this plan will DESTROY the unique beauty of the area.

Please, please, please reconsider this decision. These people will NOT pay taxes, however, I do. I pay taxes on all 3 of my properties and I feel I need a voice. Taxation without representation seems to be a real issue in Burnett County. If this type of RV park is approved, other changes will need to be made. It is very concerning that the people who govern and pay taxes on the land do not have a voice in these decisions.

Please reconsider and support your tax paying neighbors! Thank you!

Janine Joseph

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Angela Johnson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

I have been a permanent resident of Devils Lake since 2013, and prior to that my parents owned the property since 1993. I would request that you place strong limits on campground density and preserve the beautiful rural character of Burnett county. The reason many of us chose to make our home in this area is for the peace and quiet, and the beauty of nature right outside our doors. Large campgrounds do not fit with the serenity of the area as it now is. They contribute nothing to the tax base and would decrease the appeal and value of the homes already in the area. Devils Lake isn't able to sustain increased use and is already too crowded on weekends, to say nothing of what it would be like with boaters from large surrounding campgrounds. I respectfully request that you cap the number of campsites allowed and do not permit the character of our gorgeous surroundings to be changed and disturbed. Thank you.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Gordy Peterson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 1:36 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Congratulations!

Much has been accomplished regarding revising the outdated ordinances surrounding campground development and expansion within Burnett County. Few of us could have foreseen the need to do this a decade or two ago but over the last several years the proliferation of new campground development and existing campground expansion has become a clear and present threat to our way of life within the county.

You have likely already heard all of the arguments to restrict campground growth. The threat of pollution of our water resources, quiet enjoyment and dark skies. Concerns regarding increased traffic on our roads, our lakes and our trails. Concerns over public safety, the risks of increased crime, etc. Concerns over diminished property values (particularly for properties adjacent to campgrounds). While all these and other concerns are valid, I will not regurgitate all those topics.

Instead, I would like to focus on just a couple of things.

- 1) The strain campground residents put on already scarce town and county resources.
- 2) The lack of fairness regarding property taxation of campground operations versus traditional residents.

I live in the Town of Scott. We struggle with limited budgetary resources every day. We mow our ditches with a 1960's era tractor that was familiar with as kid. Our fire department (like most towns) is staffed by volunteers and partially supported

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Patricia Medlin <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

I have lived on Lake DesMoines for 67 years and never have seen such crowded conditions and overuse of our land. This is because of the uncontrolled and explosive growth of campgrounds in our area. Our town board that has a severe conflict of interest and don't represent the opinions and will of our community has allowed these campgrounds to grow in the town of Webb Lake. These supposed trailers have built in porches, decks and out buildings that are not temporary but permanent. Their overuse of the land, inadequate septic disposal, disrespect for the local residents have made our community a less inviting place to live. I am encouraging you not not let anymore campgrounds be permitted in our town and county.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Ann Anderson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

We need stronger limits on campgrounds. The lakes and natural habitat are going to be destroyed by overbuilding.

Thank you

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Karen OConnor <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

I'm asking you supervisors to not approve these campgrounds , it'll add to the burden us citizens of Burnett Co. already endure. I've personal experience, that Our much needed services such as fire sheriff and ambulance are stretched .

What will another 500 new neighbors bring, especially those w/ATVs , which already bring noise disturbance, soil erosion & damage to vegetation. Althou not their fault, new campground folks don't have to contribute in maintaining our roads or services. For generations we have enjoyed the legacy of my father. His influence for generations to come. Fresh clean air and sounds of the woods. Tell me How can we protect & preserve our precious life wild , and forests with the harmful effects of too much human activity?

Sincerely Karen LaCroix OConnor

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Terri Michel <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Hello all. I would like to make a plea to limit the number of RV sites in Burnett County. Our family own (and pay taxes) for 3 lots on Lake DesMoines. We have been there since 1990. We enjoy the cleanness of the lake, peace and quite, the forests and the people. RV sites will not be paying taxes to enhance the area—only enhancing the land owners pockets. Please help preserve the beauty we all enjoy and set limits on RV and camp sites to 2 per acre and less than 100 sites per facility. We have personal experience of the crowds, ATV,s, boats and noise these areas encourage as well as fire hazards, garbage and invasive species added to the lakes.

Thank you

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** joseph wagoner <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 2:07 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Please protect and preserve the beautiful landscape of Burnett County. Once the land is given away and altered, it will be damaged forever. Money cannot buy everything.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** James Pappas <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 2:08 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

As a cabin owner in Burnett County Wisconsin, I'm against the large campgrounds in Burnett County being proposed by individuals who really aren't interested in keeping the county from losing its attractiveness to people who help keep it that way by paying taxes and taking ownership in preserving the land areas and lakes of the county, my family first bought property in Burnett County in 1951 and have been maintaining property ever since, I have two brothers and a nephew now that have property in Burnett County so I believe we are doing are part in pay taxes and supporting the local business of each town in the county.

Thank You for listening

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Maureen Guay <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

I have learned that the Board of Supervisors is considering an ordinance on whether to allow RV Subdivisions as large as 150 units. This is not preserving "the attractiveness and rural character of the county", a stated goal of Burnett County's 2030 comprehensive plan.

Assuming 3 to 4 people per unit this would result in 450 to 600 residents.

For most Towns in Burnett County, this many new residents (seasonal or otherwise) would increase the population by 50% to 100% or more. Further more these new neighbors pay almost nothing in property taxes for roads, police, fire, EMS, and other emergency services. The resulting noise and activity would have a deleterious effect on wildlife and vegetation. Campgrounds should have a density limit of 2 to 3 units per acre or lower and not be allowed in RR-3 or any other residential zoning districts and town approval should be necessary.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Bill Stephenson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 2:27 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

I am strongly against any increases in camp grounds in my area. My family has been coming to this area for rest and relaxation since 1957. We have enjoyed the wildlife and all that the wilderness has to offer. Our 4th generation of Stephensons are soon going to be able to enjoy this area and I would hate to see it change for the worse.

I pay taxes on 115 acres and I do my best to keep as small of a footprint as possible. Please limit the density of camp grounds and keep our lands beautiful.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Gordy Peterson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 2:35 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Gentlemen...I am embarrassed but half through my letter to you it disappeared from my screen. I fear that it got emailed to you prior to me wanting to send it because of my fat fingers or some technical gremlin. Anyway, if you did get a letter that ended abruptly, please add this to the partial letter.

The point is town and county resources are in short supply. Adding campground residents to our town or any other county town just compounds the issue. Their use of our roads, our public safety staffs (sheriff, fire department, EMT's) makes them takers and not givers like the rest of us. It is highly unlikely any of these campground residents will ever serve our town committees, our lake associations or contribute to funding our fire departments. They do not share our vested interests.

The taxation of campgrounds is another issue that I feel is grossly inequitable. Using Oakridge Campground as an example, the property tax for this 40 acre parcel is over \$1,000 less than the property tax I pay for my 1.26 acre parcel. Oakridge can have up to 135 campsites which probably means at least 270 residents. My lake cabin is inhabited by me and my wife. In our 19 years in Burnett County we have never had a sheriff call, fire call or ambulance call. I doubt if that is the case with Oakridge residents. How can anyone find that equitable?

I urge you all to make the following changes to the proposed ordinances:

1. Limit the density of campgrounds to 2 or 3 sites per developable acre.
2. Cap campground density to no more than 75 sites per facility.
3. Put a reasonable limit on campground proximity so we do not have future "campground row" that effectively skirts the ordinances.

Again, thank you all for your time and service to the county!

Respectfully,

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Rick Bouwens <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

I support stronger limits on campgrounds! Seriously consider what this is doing to the environment.

My letter is brief as I have had the opportunity to share my thoughts with Burnett County before and know that you seldom follow the people's wishes. You should consider your constituents rather than cater to businesses that make money off of squatters.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Steven Henseler <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear leaders

I am writing to ask for your careful consideration about limiting large campgrounds in Burnett county. Western Wisconsin is an idyllic place to relax and enjoy quiet spaces during all four seasons. Allowing large campgrounds where big groups that move in and out can (and will) change this quiet peacefulness in a negative way. Please consider limiting these campgrounds and preserving the the rural nature of Burnett county.

Thank you for your careful consideration in this matter. Your vote is imperative.

Steve and Julie Henseler

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Richard Oberreiter <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear Land Use Committee and Related Parties

First, let me say thank you volunteering to be on a county commission. Civic engagement is what makes our country great and I know how difficult it can be to deal with the issues that you all work on.

My family owns property on Rooney Lake and we recently had to deal with the proposed expansion of Camp Croix a summer church campground. We have a small lake and when the camp operated at a small scale with kids it was pleasant. Now there are families, powerboats and enough noise to think you were at a Miami beach resort. The resources are strained and as a church property, they pay no taxes that might go to mitigation of some of the problems they create.

Now the county is considering allowing high-density campgrounds that in my opinion, and that of many others, will ruin the rural character of this county. This type of high-density development once it takes hold will only increase the number of campgrounds. With a potential of doubling the seasonal population, who is going to pay for the increased need for public services? Certainly not the marginally increased property taxes from these developments. Remember, that with no additional revenue the county will still have to increase law enforcement, fire and EMT services. That means other areas need to be cut.

Respectfully, I offer the following recommendations:

- Density should be limited to 1.5-2 campsites per acre, consistent with existing county rules. Five sites per acre is too dense.
- The RR-RC 100 unit limit previously presented and approved should stay. There is no reason to increase the limit by 50%

- Campgrounds should be removed from RR-3. These are residential areas and the residents want to keep it that way.

Your consideration for these issues is appreciated.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Arne Enslin <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 3:05 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

To Supervisors and Committee Members:

I have tried to keep up with the conversations, developments, suggestions, changes etc. regarding the issue of campgrounds in the county. I commend your efforts and suggest you "keep on it and at it" in ways that will insure preservation of why we live where we do. Whenever I have attended the County Board meetings, I am struck with the large logo on the wall: "stewardship and vision" as the guiding values. Granted there will be campgrounds as others wish to enjoy what we have (and are willing to share) but I think they need to be limited. Caps of 2 or 3 per acre and no more than 100 in commercial zones is sensible. As a chaplain with the sheriffs department, I am aware of the extra policing required in dense areas such as the campgrounds--and the number of personnel is limited! Additional law enforcement will be needed with the increased population--especially when parked so close together.

A few years ago, I complained to a group in our neighborhood about noise. "We are on vacation" was their response. Unfortunately such an attitude is common--especially by those who have no investment in our area, and are here to play or to get away.

Perhaps if there were a way of taxing campers or site owners in ways that provide extra funds for roads, law enforcement, and other services which are required would help with one issue. However, the overriding issue remains: stewardship of our lakes, woods, and quality of life with a vision for the next generations. Once what we have is used up, it will be gone.

I urge you to be stewards as you make decisions about this.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Norma Buck <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 3:24 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Good afternoon,

I have lived in Burnett County for all but three of my sixty-five years. I own property on both Norman's Landing Road and Gaslyn Lake Road. I have lived on this particular property for fifty years and my parents and grandparents lived here their entire lives. A campground has recently opened on Norman's Landing Road, which is a dead end and only about a mile and a half long. I am concerned about what the campground opening will do to this area in terms of increased traffic, trespassing and noise issues. I have already experienced issues with trespassing by both atv/utv and foot traffic. I spoke to the individuals about trespassing and they were very respectful, although I know that has not been the case for everyone when speaking with trespassers. As an older female I do feel a potential threat if I would inform a not so respectful individual that they are trespassing. My experience has been that individuals come here from more populated areas and assume they can ride/walk anywhere they would like.

I understand the desire for individuals to want a nice, quiet, cheap-rent place to go to get away from their weekly life of work, as I too want to be able to have this peace and quiet relaxing in my own front yard. The added population from these campgrounds will cause more traffic, noise and trespassing issues for us all.

I live here because I do not want to live where there is a ton of traffic or people.

I would ask that you consider campgrounds be limited to no more than two units per acre. I would ask that you consider no more than one hundred units per campground in the new RR-RC commercial zone.

I would ask that you consider no campgrounds allowed in RR-3 or any other residential zoning districts.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Barb and Steve Nicol <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 4:27 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

We appreciate all the work that has gone into updating the campground rules as part of Burnett County's Land Use policies. This work is so vital to keeping our area the great place it is right now.

Three points we'd like to make:

- \* Density. Please make the campsite density standard 2-3 units per acre at the most, which is more compatible with other lot size and subdivision rules across the County.
- \* Cap campsites in new RR-RC zone. The recommendation to cap the number of campsites is spot on, but needs to be lower - 100 per facility or less. Anything more is simply overcrowding and overuse of our area for no good reason - and with likely irreversible impact.
- \* Remove campgrounds from RR-3. We wholeheartedly support the work group's recommendation to remove campgrounds as a conditional use form RR-3. Campgrounds should not be allowed in residential areas, period. This change has broad public support.

We have already seen increased traffic, road use and parking issues due to area growth - and do not believe the county has the infrastructure (police, fire, road maintenance) to handle much more. Just as importantly, our lakes and lake quality will certainly degrade if overused.

Please continue the good work you've begun and follow the recommendations above. Thank you!

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Don Nichols <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 4:30 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Please dear god, no more campgrounds. The residence pay for the cost of these forever—roads, police, fire and garbage. The lake quality goes down when they are near. The best thing that ever happened to big sand lake was for the camp ground to leave. The trash levels went down immediately. Wildlife returned. Water quality improved and the risk of invasive species went down. Camp grounds provide a lot of profit for a few while the costs land on the backs of the rest of us. Residents care while campers only have a temporary interest in our community, and unfortunately it shows. Been there, done that.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Suzanne Griffith <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Hello and thank you for this opportunity to express my opinions about the campground issues.

My family has had property/home on Rooney Lake for over 30 years. It's always been a very peaceful, tranquil location where people fish and an occasional waterskier or Seadoo floats across the glassy waters.

With more and more development being proposed, this atmosphere is being threatened. More specifically, it doesn't help preserve "the attractiveness and rural character of the county", which is a stated goal of Burnett County's 2030 comprehensive plan.

Being on Rooney Lake has provided some challenges lately, as we have a developer who wants to increase his ability to have additional sites/cabins, etc. on the lake. The "camp" already has large groups which can be heard across the small 330 acre lake. Their boats are "docked" on the sand and while they are only having fun, it is not appropriate to have large groups that hinder the peace and tranquility of the tax paying residents (needless to say of the environmental issues they cause).

With regard to the issue at hand, I respectfully request that:

1. The committee reduce the density standard to a level that is more compatible with other lot size and subdivision rules across the County. I request that you recommend a limit of 2 units per acre.
2. The committee recommend a cap of 100 camping units per facility - not 150. You previously agreed upon 100, so it's unclear why you're now wanting 150?
3. The committee's recommendation to remove campgrounds as a conditional use in the RR-3 (rural residential) Zoning District be supported. Zoning is done for a reason --

We know that you are all trying to do what's right for the County -- and what's right is to limit these developments before it's too late! Thank you for your attention.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Curt Riess <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear Township Board Members,

As a resident I oppose land use development of campgrounds. While I can appreciate some value to small businesses from having them, it primarily benefits gas stations and few others. Campers grill out and don't support local restaurants and most make their campers a permanent mini cabin paying zero taxes using all the support services the rest of us must pay for. I'm opposed to ATV and UTV use and the noise and damage they cause to our neighborhood and roadways. I moved to Burnett County to avoid the "hum" of the cities, now it's right at our doorstep on Johnson Lake Road. Our county land is a fragile composite of sand. Irresponsible UTV users destroy in one afternoon what takes years to naturally repair a grassy bank. High density camp grounds for campers is just another mobile home park. If campground entrepreneurs want to develop tent campground sites that allows people to get out and enjoy nature, thats fine. But developing camp grounds for trailered or motorhome site's is just pandering toward increased costs with zero value to the local taxpayers. We have good options in hotels for visiting and occasional guests. Please be on the side of nature and all and develop zoning to ban camp ground development except for tent users.

Curt Riess, 35 year resident and taxpayer

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** John LeMay <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

I am a resident on Loon Lake here in Burnett County, having been so since 1991. I continue to be concerned with what appears to be the explosive growth both in recreational development and campgrounds, without regards to the primarily negative effects on the environment and the health, safety and well being of current residents, save a few opportunistic property owners. We are not dealing with a renewable resource, but for the trees, and they need room seed and grow also.

I am writing this to support the LUIC in establishing a density limit of 2-3 units per acre on campgrounds, a capacity limit of 100 or fewer units per facility for campgrounds, and in support of removing campgrounds from RR-3. Campgrounds have no place in a residential setting.

I also wish to Thank each and every one for the time and effort they have devoted to dealing with this complex issue. John H LeMay

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Donna Twining <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 7:02 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear Burnett County Supervisors,

I am writing to ask you to please preserve beautiful Burnett County by endorsing the ordinance changes regarding campsites supported by the Work Group:

3 campsites per acre

100 camping units per facility

No campgrounds in RR-3

In all probability each campsite would have a minimum of two people - most with pet dogs. We have experienced dogs running free into our yard as some visitors feel they are in the north woods and fail to realize this is our full time home; plus the barking can be extremely annoying.

I couldn't imagine the effects of a campground being built within a short distance of someone's home - so please no campgrounds in residential areas.

Also I feel somehow campers must pay for services while here- taxes on the large RVs would be a fair way. Some of them are larger than cabins on lakes.

Now so many campers are into ATV riding which are using our roads and often trespassing on private land; requiring law enforcement energy.

In no way am I opposed to campers - everyone has a right/need to enjoy nature. However, it must be regulated, and not allowed to pack as many possible into sites to make money for the owners who come out pretty well. Cabins/homes on lakes have acreage regulations; why not camp sites/ campgrounds.

Thank you for your support.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Karen Brabec <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

I wanted to let you know I strongly oppose allowing an RV park with a 150 lots. We moved here after retiring from Hudson, WI for the quiet beauty and small town atmosphere. The weekends are already extremely busy with the normal amount of weekend visitors we currently have and another 150 RV lots means at least 300 more people and more likely 600 on the weekends and holidays. How will Siren's police and fire and emergency handle that many more people? And...who's going to pay for it? The few year around residents should not have to foot that bill, especially when they are against these RV parks.

Please consider not only how us residents feel, but how the environment will suffer while you're making your decision.

Sincerely,

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Denise Dooher <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 7:36 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Supervisors Anderson, Blomberg, Pearson, Awe, Paden; Chairman Bickford; Vice-Chair Conroy and Land Services Director Towne:

My name is Denise Dooher. My husband and I own property on N. Bear Lake Rd. in Webb Lake and have been there for about 14 years. I am extremely concerned about the rash development of RV parks in Burnett County and the negative impact they will have on the community.

One of the goals stated in Burnett County's 2030 comprehensive plan is to "preserve the attractiveness and rural character of the county." There is no way allowing RV Subdivisions as large as 150 units will in any way help to achieve the aforementioned goal. To the contrary, generalizing that each unit may have at least 3 people living there, this approaches the number of 500 new residents. The increased traffic, whether from cars, ATV's or boats, will increase the noise level and disturb wildlife so prized in the area such as loons and eagles. I'm very concerned about the increased number of boats and the environmental impact on the areas' lakes this type of land development would bring. With so many people converging in a relatively small area and potentially launching boats on neighboring lakes, the risk of invasive species infecting the lakes is high. This, along with disturbing other wild life mentioned above will not only have a negative impact on the "attractiv eness an d rural character of the county", it will also depress property values. If we destroy the very thing that makes Burnett County beautiful by allowing developers to degrade it, it will no longer be a place people want to come to.

Additionally, and most puzzling, a decision to allow huge RV parks to be developed would primarily PLACE THE FINANCIAL BURDEN SQUARELY ON THE SHOULDERS OF ALL CURRENT PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE AREA FOR SERVICES TO BE ENJOYED BY FOLKS IN THE RV PARKS! RV park users would benefit from new roads/maintenance, police, fire, and EMS services, just to name a few, without actually contributing to any of

these services. This will result in higher taxes for those of us who actually pay them, as well as a dilution of already strained services and personnel to deliver those services.

Food for thought: Would you want one of these huge RV parks, and all the negative aspects that go with them, to be built right next door to your house?

Please deny the further development of RV parks parks in Burnett County.

Thank you for your consideration,

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Michael O'Connor <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Have enjoyed the nature and everything that goes with it in Burnett county for the past 52 years. Have owned a cabin for past 24 years.

The last 10 or so have gotten a lot busier than ever.

We have noticed a lot more traffic than ever before. What benefit does the county gain by allowing more campgrounds? Especially very large ones? Certainly nothing much for faxes, our emergency response teams take longer to respond than they did 30 years ago. Why do we need campgrounds in residential areas?

It used to be peaceful and quiet, now it seems to be noisy and busy. Not all areas, but many more now.

Some campgrounds seem overcrowded, and just plain not very well kept. I think 150 or even 100 spaces per campground is too many.

10 campsites per acre? That doesn't even seem feasible. We bought our cabin for a peaceful, quiet, back to nature atmosphere. Seems like it's going the other direction.

Thank you, Mike oconnor

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Anne Hanson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 9:44 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

We have been coming to Rooney Lake since 2008. After my mother Father died from ALS earlier that year, my mom decided to follow through with their dreams of owning a lake property in Northwest Wisconsin and she sold the family home my sisters and I grew up in an invested in our "new family home" on Rooney lake. Since then our family has grown, my sisters and I have married and now have 10 children between us enjoying the beauty and serenity of the Northwoods all year round at the special place - celebrating our holidays, experiencing the outdoors and all the great activities the lake and northwoods have to offer, and most importantly teaching our little ones about nature and how to be stewards of the earth our creator entrusted to us.

We want this experience and the natural beauty and wildlife preserved for the next generation and beyond.

If the appropriate measures are not taken most Towns in Burnett County could have population increases by 50% to 100% or more. And, unlike us, theyd pay almost nothing in property taxes for roads, emergency services, etc. What WOULD be "taxed" are the natural resources, way of life, environment.

We need real limits on RV Subdivisions - we need a cap of 50-100 units (or less)!!

Please preserve Burnett County for the next generation!!

Sincerely,  
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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Sharon Battis <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 9:45 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear Sirs:

We have owned a cabin on Webb Lake for eight years, after purchasing from my parents who built the cabin in 1989, so have enjoyed Burnett County for over 30 years.

We have witnessed an increase in bad behavior on Webb Lake, including disregard for no-wake rules, common courtesy and respect for others and their property. These instances have increased steadily since we have owned our property; the area is not the low-key, relaxed family atmosphere we were drawn to on Webb Lake and hope to see return. However, expanding campgrounds and adding more people on Burnett County lakes will most certainly ensure that will not happen. In addition, adding a number of non-tax paying residents will degrade the area, as more people will be utilizing resources and services but not contributing to their existence and regular maintenance.

Please consider adopting the following ordinance changes:

1. Density Limit: of 2-3 camping units per acre or lower
2. Campsite Cap: a cap of no more than 100 camping units per facility or lower in the new RR-RC commercial zone
3. No campgrounds allowed in RR-3 or any other residential zoning districts

Thank you for your time and consideration to help preserve Burnett County.

Respectfully yours,

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Travis Hanson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 9:55 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Campground Work Group - Preserve Burnett County

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear Board members,

So-called "campgrounds" are spreading like invasive weeds.

Please set real limits on these RV subdivisions that contribute next to nothing in property taxes, but cost so much to the environment and peaceful way of life that makes the area so special. My family and I (with our 3 kids -9,5,2 hrs) want this experience and the natural beauty and wildlife preserved for the next generation and beyond. We want our lake home to be inherited by our children to enjoy with their children and grandchildren. Please think of the future generations of residents who this will impact as well.

Please preserve Burnett County and set strict limits on these invasive campgrounds!!

Thank you for your time.

Travis Hanson

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Gerald Viebrock <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 10:11 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

We bought 40 acres from Terry Larson from Webster around 1980 on Cranberry Lake. We built and invested a good share of our life savings in Burnett county..Swiss township because we respect the environment and beauty and clean water. We hope to preserve the quarter mile of water frontage by donating all of this to a land trust. We want to leave knowing all of the many forms of wildlife that use and need this land/water will always have it.

We support the recommendations of Preserve Burnett County and hope that you will vote accordingly! Thanks for the work you do and the time you give by being on this important committee.

Gerald & Nancy Viebrock

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Ted Bolles <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 9:45 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

### DEFINITIONS

CAMPGROUND - Property with campsites where individuals stay for 7 days or less per season/year. Contains NO permanent/seasonal structures.

TRAILORPARK - Property with sites with seasonal/permanent structures.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Barry Kucharski <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 10:39 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Thank you for serving the county and for your time and consideration working on this most important issue.

My name is Barry Kucharski, my wife Cindy and I live at 30449 S. Bear Paw Dr., Webb Lake, Wisconsin.

Our family has owned land and paid taxes in Burnett County for over 100 years. My grandfather built the Webb Lake Hotel on Big Bear Lake in 1921. The families' mission was always to preserve the natural beauty of the area. Members of the Izaak Walton league had meetings at the Webb Lake Hotel for many years.

Growing up here we had the privilege of enjoying the amazing natural beauty of the lakes and woods. The community supported family values and entertainment.

I served as the President of the Big Bear Lake Association for 10 years.

You may recall that a few years back The Big Bear Lake Association and our family was instrumental in starting the Big Bear Lake nature Trail.

When we approached the county at that time, the question came up as to why a nature trail was needed? we needed a place to walk that was safe and you granted us a memo of understanding that we appreciate to this day, the Big Bear Nature Trail is kept up and used year round

We have seen huge changes in our town and county in the past few years. On any given weekend it is nearly impossible to walk down Lake 26 Rd. or County Rd. H safely. The influx of traffic of all types it's too much for the small roads. As you know, most of the town roads throughout the county have little or no shoulder.

These roads are now shared by all types of traffic from semi trailer trucks, cement trucks, UTVs, ATVs, snowmobile's, bicycles, even lawn tractors and pedestrians are all supposed to share these roads.

Making it more confusing are different speed limits and signs for the different types of

vehicles.

Adding to the mix is alcohol as many of these vehicles are traveling from one bar to the next. Also, the Town of Webb Lake eliminated a police officer and many violations go unchecked. It is no longer an option for our daughters and grandchildren to walk or bike on the roads.

Burnett county is no longer the place that it once was.

Please consider The Webb Lake Vision Statement.

“Goal 10: Preserve the Northwoods character as defined by scenic beauty, a variety of landscapes, undeveloped lands, forests, water resources, wildlife, farms, rural and small town atmosphere, buildings integrated with the landscape, and enjoyment of these surroundings.”

When we read the vision statement, we really don't understand why any of these campgrounds are being considered at all.

The campgrounds that are under consideration are not overnight or typical “campgrounds”, they are mobile home parks.

As such, we ask that you add these suggestions to limit any more campgrounds,

- Density Limit: of 2-3 camping units per acre or lower

- Campsite Cap: a cap of no more than 100 camping units per facility or lower in the new RR-RC commercial zone

- No campgrounds allowed in RR-3 or any other residential zoning districts

- A “SEASONAL CAMPERS TAX” tax, requiring existing and new SEASONAL campground owners, not conventional campgrounds, to pay a set amount per site that goes directly to fund county services, Police, Fire and first responders. A yearly tax of \$100. Per site would be very reasonable as these sites rent for \$2000-3000 per year.

Proximity: a required separation of at least 1-2 miles between new and existing “campgrounds”

Town Approval: a meaningful role for Towns to approve or deny new or expanded facilities of 50 camping units

Require a vote by all of the town's taxpayers before any more campgrounds are approved not just the town board.

Thank you again for your time and consideration,

Barry and Cindy Kucharski

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** John Graham <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 10:51 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear Sirs,

I understand you are reviewing the cap on RV subdivisions and campsites. I would like to ask that you make any cap on RV subdivisions and campsites quite low ( say under 50 campsites) and that this includes a density provision that allows no more than 1-2 campsites per acre. As well, there should be no campsites in RR-3 zones.

Burnett Co is still being swamped with "campers" who use the county facilities and infrastructure but pay no taxes. Property owners pay for the roads and schools not "campers". When you allow a 100 campsites on a parcel, you add up to 500 individual new users of the county's infrastructure and natural resources.

As it is, the roads and woods are littered with trash. Some lakes are beyond their carrying capacity in terms of boats. The highways have more pressure than ever before and the tax base is threatened by the county becoming less desirable to home owners. It's time to finish the job started with the campsite review and put final, tight restrictions on these operations.

These campsite operations serve only to enrich the owner operators. They do not employ people and do not increase the number of good, permanent jobs. They do not increase the tax base. At your upcoming meeting, please put this problem to bed with very tight restrictions and oversight.

Thank you,

John Graham, Danbury

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** C.J. Long <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 12:21 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

To get quickly to the meat of this input, suffice it to say my family (Gustafson) has been in Burnett County for over 100 years. (My Aunt was the 1st white girl born in Webster). I have experienced the harm done by large R.V. & trailer parks (here and in the State of Wyoming). I am a retired attorney living in the county and my family has rented (resort), then owned (built) a cabin for at least 70 years. You & I do NOT want the consequences of densely populated camping - permanent or otherwise. Here are amendments that, taken together, can achieve that:

- 1.) No more than 2 units per acre;
- 2.) No more than 80 units per facility (even that is a lot);
- 3.) At least 2 miles between any one edge of a designated camp/R.V./ trailer park (so greedy developers do not "piggy back" facilities to get around the foregoing);
- 4.) Town approval needed for new or expanded facilities of 50 or more units.

Thank you.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** EvaLee Miller <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 12:31 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear Burnett County Land Use and Information Committee members,

First and foremost I want to thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I realize what an immense job it has been for all of you to tirelessly read and review the numerous letters that have been sent.

My husband and I moved and retired on Crooked Lake in Jackson Township November of 2014. We previously lived in the Twin Cities area for over 40 years. We purposely picked Crooked Lake because of its peaceful, north woods setting and low density. There are only 15 structures on Crooked Lake.

Since 2014, we have seen an increase in the activity on and around our lake and surrounding townships. We have a public access on Crooked Lake and the amount of trucks pulling boats with trailers have increased exponentially. There is not adequate parking space for the amount of trucks, boats and trailers causing increased congestion even though we have no parking signs. It has become increasingly not safe at times for vehicles, walkers, runners, and bikers. The constant wear and tear on Sweger road and the public landing is quite evident requiring Jackson Township to regularly repair and supplement gravel, rocks, or whatever is necessary.

The thought of a potential 150 campsites very near Crooked Lake is truly not fathomable for our townships to retain the peaceful, quiet, rural residential feel. One formula would look like this, 40 acres plus 150 RV Sites = possible 500 additional persons.

So I am asking each of you to carefully consider all of the numerous factors that will impact and change our lives for years to come by:

- 1) Density Standard - limit of 2-3 units per acre
- 2) Remove "Campgrounds" as a conditional use in the RR-3 (rural residential) Zoning District.

3) Put a cap on the number of campsites withing the RR-RC zoning district to 100 camping units per facility or Lower.

Again, thank you for your time and your work on this is much appreciated.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Peggy Lee <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 12:49 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Hello,

I have been a property owner in Burnett county for 60 years. Watching the changes to this pristine and natural environment over the decades from increased population, habitat loss and the rise of modern day recreational activities that have brought city level noise and pollution to our north woods has been challenging at times. But in the recent past the level of noise, disruption, traffic and seeming disregard for the needs of our natural environment and wildlife has increased exponentially. For the first time, I have considered selling my beloved property and leaving for a quieter, more preserved area. I am hoping that the community can unite in creating a balanced approach to preservation of the environment and allowing people access to all it has to offer. Thus I am writing in support of preserving our county's greatest treasure and urging you to stop development of RV campgrounds.

Respectfully.

Peggy J. Lee, LCSW

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** CHRISTINA WIDIKER <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 12:59 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Greetings! I am writing to you today to address concerns that I have as a long-term owner & resident of Burnett County. I am requesting that you help us preserve Burnett County and place tighter restrictions on RV developments. Burnett County is entirely too saturated already with RV Parks. We are already 5th Per Capita in the state of WI for saturation with Campgrounds. This is concerning! There is a place for RV Parks but certainly needs to be limited further, density needs to be more restricted and really spaced out from already existing residential areas. I am asking that you consider the following:

1. Density Limit: of 2-3 camping units per acre or less ideally
2. Campsite Cap: a cap of no more than 100 camping units per facility or lower in the new RR-RC commercial zone
3. No campgrounds allowed in RR-3 or neighboring to any other residential zoning districts/existing home developments
4. Proximity: a required separation of at least 1-2 miles between new and existing "campgrounds"
5. Town Approval: Townships to hold the power and control to ultimately approve or deny new or expanded facilities of 50 camping units or greater.

We need to work to protect our environment, including those owners that do pay taxes as owners/residents here and have assets in this county. We need to work to not saturate our residential areas which does diminish property values, over tax our emergency services and roadways, increase noise & traffic, etc. Ultimately, we need to work to minimize an overall transient Populus, which high intensity and density RV Parks bring, that ultimately use and abuse our lakes, trail systems, roads, services, and all the things that we as owners pay for, invest in and value! Thank you for your time, consideration, and all of your work to date!

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Kim Wheeler <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 1:50 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Greetings! I am a resident of Burnett County, living in Grantsburg WI, working in Siren, and spending most of my free time enjoying the lakes, rivers, trails and public lands of Burnett County. My love for the county began when I was a child, when my parents purchased land on the Yellow River in Oakland Township in 1979. My dad still resides on this land, in a cabin that he built in the 1980s. I have lived here full-time since 2005, and my son, now a sophomore in high school, was born at Burnett Medical Center. I worked at Crex Meadows Wildlife Area for 11 years, then as the director of Forts Folle Avoine for a year (you may recall how that worked out), and now I am a real estate assistant and Realtor at Edina Realty. I also volunteered my time as a board member with the Burnett County Tourism Coalition. I have been and still am highly involved in bringing people to Burnett County, as visitors, cabin owners, and full-time residents. My parents, and subsequently my own family, moved here because we love the rural Northwoods character of the Burnett County and all that it has to offer.

I write to you today to express my concerns about the three recommendations that you will be reviewing at the April 5 meeting. I feel that they are a good start but need to go further with limiting the numbers of campsites per acre. We can't go back and change what is already here, but going forward, limiting the number of camping units to 2-3 campsites per acre and capping at 100 units or less would be well in line with other county zoning, and would also preserve the rural character of our wide open spaces and wooded remoteness that Burnett County proudly promotes in its marketing to tourists. While we welcome our tourists, crowded campgrounds just do not fit into the image that we promote.

I would also ask that we do not allow new campgrounds to be allowed in residential zoned districts. As a realtor, I have seen firsthand that campgrounds next door to a home/cabin are much less desirable to property owners and reduces the value of that property, which has an impact on the county's tax base. There have been numerous complaints from residents about

campground visitors trespassing, starting fires, and creating excessive noise, which put stress on our public services.

Finally, I agree with many who have chimed in that new campgrounds need to be spaced out so that no one neighborhood/township is impacted more negatively with too many campgrounds. I agree that a 1-2 mile space is necessary to help alleviate impact on roadways, soil erosion, public services, etc. I also agree that township boards should ALWAYS be able to approve or deny proposed campgrounds in their jurisdiction.

To that end, I propose the following:

1. Density standard to be 2-3 units per acre.
2. A cap of 100 camping units per facility or lower.
3. Any newly proposed facility with more than 50 units or any existing facility proposing to expand beyond 50 units would require Township approval.
4. Remove Campgrounds from RR-3 and other residential zoning.
5. Create a rule requiring new seasonal campgrounds to be at least 1-2 miles apart.

I believe this is a fair adjustment to the Land Use & Information Committee recommendations, based on what is best for the county and its seasonal and full-time residents.

Thank you for your consideration!

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Danielle Romanowski <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 3:14 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

We are very concerned about the pending requests being made in Burnett County. We bought our home in Grantsburg in 1999 and raised our two children here to enjoy the preserved land and beautiful lakes, excellent school district, and to escape the risks involved with overpopulation and high pollutants of inner-city.

We have these pending issues being addressed along with possibility of CAFO which is also stressful and will impact our quality of life as well.

Please ensure nothing is approved that is more than density limit of 1-2 camping units per acre, if at all.

Campsite Cap: a cap of no more than 50 camping units per facility in the new RR-RC commercial zone and that there are no campgrounds allowed in RR-3 or any other residential zoning districts.

We appreciate you being our voice and hope that consideration is given to your taxpayers and lovers of this land. We understand that more people camping will benefit area businesses, however, with these campgrounds there will be extra bodies on the lakes, exploiting resources, bringing increased risks for inexperienced seasonal people of all ages driving and skiing, jet-skiing, etc. on the lake, drinking and driving (water and land; cars, ATV, jet-skis, boats) which increases many risks for everyone here. These individuals will also draw on our resources that the taxpayers pay into. As these demands are consumed, our taxes are driven higher.

We are certainly not opposed to change as long as it does not destroy our water, property values, or our health and quality of life.

Please help us keep our area safe, preserved, and a place we'll continue to want to call home.

Sincerely,  
Danielle Romanowski

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Karen Schmoker <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 4:02 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

After owning property along Hayden Lake Rd. for over 50 years I have become aware of the much increased volume of traffic and trash generated by the increased number of residents. Although this can be expected over the years I cannot imagine what increased campground density would create in traffic noise, volume, and trash. I also have seen the slum campground on Hayden Lake Rd. West of the highway. This slum and the other proposed slum campgrounds are nothing Burnett County could be proud of. Therefore, I support limited the density of campground units to 2 per acre with 100 maximum. No campground should occur in RR-3 or any other residential zoning.

Thank you for helping to preserve Burnett County as a place of beauty.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Lynn Thornton <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 4:29 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Hello Supervisors Anderson, Blomberg, Pearson, Awe and Paden; Chairman Bickford; Vice Chairman Conroy; and Land Services Director Towne,

First and foremost, thank you for your service. It is not easy to follow the tenets of the County's 2030 plan that emphasizes preserving the county's rural character while managing the economic interests of those who also are your neighbors. My hope and prayer as you go into the April 5 meeting is that you will make a decision that makes sense for the generations to come. We have so few places left in this country with the quality of life of Burnett County. Approving the RV Subdivision at 150 sites will put this in danger. Surely a compromise (50? 75?) would be a more reasonable approach. You might also consider a surcharge for these visitors that allows them to share in the cost of the County's services since they do not pay property taxes. Thank you for listening, Lynn Thornton

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Bonnie Kohl <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 5:43 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Good Afternoon,

I'd like to start by saying 5 generations of my family have lived or are living in Burnett County. Many were farmers and all owned acreage to enjoy the peace and quiet of rural life. I have a home and 80 acres for the same reason. The amount of traffic with their toys on weekends has become unbelievable. I realize these people want to enjoy what we have, but their monetary contributions to our economy are minimal.. and they have no investment in our trails, our roads, our fire & medical resources etc. There's a real danger of roading farm machinery from one area to another, with speeding UTV's, ATV's etc. These people who want to enjoy the quiet of country life, should be happy with a limit of 2-3 camping units per acre, and a cap of no more than 100 units per facility or lower in the new RR-RC commercial zone. Also, no campgrounds allowed in RR3 or any other residential zoning districts. The only people gaining in these crowded campgrounds, are the investors. The rest of us have to clean up the mess and pick up the pieces.

Respectfully, Bonnie Kohl

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Barbara Greig <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 6:34 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

TO: Chairman Norman Bickford and all Members of the Burnett County Land Use and Information Committee

FROM: Barb Greig

I am writing to ask the committee to consider the negative impacts multiple and large-scale public Recreational Vehicle/Trailer Parks will have on Burnett County today and in the future. The proposed campground allowances being considered by this committee disregard Burnett County's 2030 Comprehensive Plan to preserve the rural character of the county.

As a 64-year seasonal resident of Burnett County I cherish the rural nature of the county and the relative non-commercialization of the lakes and waterways within it. I am repeatedly surprised and thrilled to have days in which I hear not much but the birds and wind in the trees, even during the summer months. There are few places that have these awesome qualities outside of state or national parks and preserves.

Currently, over 1/2 of campgrounds in the county are RV "trailer parks" that are occupied long-term or permanently by non-taxpaying users. Why add more Burnett County "residents" that do not pay taxes? The proposed additional campground allowances will increase road traffic and increase boat traffic in Burnett County, both of which will result in decreased safety on roads and waterways and an increased need for more public safety officers. The cost of trying to maintain the rural character to Burnett County will be high and the effort to do so likely not successful.

I ask you to:

- 1) Please reapprove the removal of campgrounds as a conditional use in RR-3 Zoning Districts.
- 2) Please limit the number of camping units per acre to <100.



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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Kurtis Bear <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 9:54 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your leadership in the County - those who are willing to lead carry a burden of all those in the County.

We have had our place in Burnett County since 1970 and have a plan for the next generation of our family

I support the goals of not expanding the density of people who are seasonal users of the area - the network of WI DNR and MN DNR camp sites is the best target for these seasonal visitors.

Thank you for considering my thoughts as you continue to lead

If you want to make contact - please give me a call at 608-790-5020

Best regards

Kurt Bear

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Rhonda Peterson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 10:57 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Hello,

I would like to thank you for all your hard work at keeping Burnett County a great place to live. Having lived here all my life I am concerned about the possibility of RV parks and campground changing the county I have loved living in. I currently own 120 acres of which lived growing up. I have noticed in the past 10 years the traffic has increased on what was once a pretty quite county road even with the traffic we had going to Johnson Lumber before they moved to HWY 70. I know we need growth and change to make sure our County keeps thriving but it can't come at the cost of destroying the main reason we live here. It brings me great joy to watch the deer running around in my fields and hunting for sheds in the spring. I am blessed to have pheasants living in my cattails behind our house and get to enjoy watching the young follow their Mom's all summer. It is often we can look out the window and see wild turkeys walking down the road. If we add campgrounds to the rural residential zones this will displace a lot of the wildlife that lives here. Also if we have large RV parks I am afraid our roads will not bear the extra traffic and a lot of our volunteer forces such as the fire departments will be stretched thinner then they all ready are. Thank you for your time and all of your hard work for out great county.

Rhonda Peterson

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Marie and Larry Olson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 11:51 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

We have been proud Burnette County owners for 25 years. We are concerned that the proposal to approve new development of up to 500 new sites for camping and trailer homes will overburden the Burnett County resources. We are housing developers of over 100 properties in 7 states and understand the responsibility to pay for public resources and maintain properties to be good citizens. Some controls on approval are warranted.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Dave Ayd <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 12:27 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Increasing population density without a corresponding tax-paying increase is counterproductive if not destructive. Unless some hidden payments are being made by the benefitting owners of the land I can't imagine why our leaders would so degrade our community!

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Nancy Van Buren <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 12:45 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

To whom it may concern:

We are writing to express our concern about campground ordinances for Big Wood Lake. Specifically, it's important to allow people to enjoy this beautiful lake, while protecting nature and limit overuse to make it a safe experience for all. In this regard, we ask those developing ordinances to prevent overcrowding with limitations on the number of campsites and total number of allowed camping units, as well as appropriate zoning districts.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration as you take responsibility for the development of ordinances for camping and recreation for lakes in our region.

Sincerely,

Nancy and Rick Van Buren

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Matthew Jensen <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 1:04 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

To the members of LUIC and administrators,

Thank you for taking the time to read my quick letter. I grew up on Big Wood Lake, moved my family back here and we absolutely love being apart of the community here in Grantsburg. I also serve on the Big Wood Lake association because I hold the values high when it comes to quality of our waters and the access that our lake provides for all people of Burnett County. I strongly recommend that you continue to work toward strict policies and limits when it comes to campgrounds, especially on or near water.

I work in the fishing industry and also serve on the board of ASA (American Sportfishing Association). Our organization fights everyday all over the country to protect these principles.

\*Create network in the fishing community, Be a voice for sensible policy, be a leader in conservation, and be a promoter in the sportfishing community.

These principles are simple and futuristic for all in our community that enjoy the outdoors. Our lakes here in Burnett County can thrive with holding strong key principles that protect the future land and water. And one thing we know as a fact in our society which we at ASA are fighting everyday, is that over populating lakes continues to have a devastating affect on water quality, safety, health of fisheries, and economic impact to local neighbors. Part of the issue we have today is not that the business model of campgrounds is a bad one, but its the fact that Burnett County doesn't have bodies of water or key areas that can sustain massive population. It is vital that lakes under 1,000 acres are protected better from a government level. We hope that the future of all our county's lakes can be protected by all of you. Please stick with simple principles. If a rule was reviewed and created to protect bodies of water under 1,000 acres from being over populated by massive campground plans, it would immediately protect the future of the majority of the amazing lakes we have in beautiful North West Wisconsin.

I support

Density Limit: of 2-3 camping units per acre or lower

Campsite Cap: a cap of no more than 100 camping units per facility or lower in the new RR-RC commercial zone

No campgrounds allowed in RR-3 or any other residential zoning districts

Thank you,

Matt Jensen

Matthew Jensen

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Susan Reinke Walch <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 1:29 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations Reinke-Walch

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

I am writing to express serious concerns over the Campground expansion policy. The density proposed will have impact on crowding and quality of life, health of lakes, safety on small lakes, and general beauty of our treasured WI northwoods. Expansion does not fit with the Burnett County 2030 Comprehensive Plan. The property tax revenue from campgrounds are minor compared to the private property owners while the use of resources is the same.

We on Rooney Lake have experienced the changes that Camp Croix has implemented with expanded use of campers and boaters on the lake. There are weekends when inexperienced boaters have caused us concern for safety - their own and others.

I would propose a cap of 50 to 75 units maximum to try to keep the environmental, road/boat traffic and a safety impacts to a minimum.

Thanks for your consideration,  
Susan Reinke Walch

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Glen Dawson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 4:31 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

As a resident of Big Wood Lake for 43 years it is my concern that the Lake and surrounding area remain a safe place for my family and others to live. A large RV park does not fit into this scenario. I am opposed to any RV park or campground in any residential zoning district.

Please vote this

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Mary Williamson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 4:43 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear Supervisors

I am writing to support stronger limits on Campgrounds. As I understand it, the County is holding a hearing on April 5th on whether to allow RV Subdivisions as large as 150 units. I am very concerned. I believe that there has been wide agreement among residents of the County that such large campgrounds are not in keeping with preserving the kind of rural area we all love. Most people I speak to hope that these grounds will be much smaller - 2-3 sites per acre, limited to no more than 50. Personally, I have family that love RV camping but only in small rural sites where they can appreciate the beauty and quiet of the area. I also think that these huge campgrounds put a lot of pressure on local services but don't actually contribute to paying for them.

Thank you so much for listening to those of us who hope that we can have small campgrounds that enable everyone - residents and visitors - to continue to enjoy being in this wonderful community.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Jerry Tischer <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 19, 2022 11:09 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear Chairman, Supervisors, and Director,

PLEASE SUPPORT the property rights of our greater community by protecting our communities from the proliferation of campgrounds. Please support the work of "Preserve Burnett County."

You know the community concerns of size limits and location of campgrounds. I ask that you protect our greater community.

Please don't turn our communities into the areas or states where the rights of individuals supersedes those of the greater community.

Sincerely . . . Jerry Tischer

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Mike Loken <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 19, 2022 5:29 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Thank you for your time and service. Please consider a stronger stance on campgrounds in Burnett County including:

- 1) Density Limits.
- 2) Campsite caps.
- 3) No campsites in residential zoned areas.

As a property owner and tax payer in Burnett County, our family has made an investment to support the incredible resources of the area. Transient campers have not made this investment and do not care once the weekend is over. Thank you for your consideration and help keeping Burnett County a pristine area for families to enjoy.

Regards,  
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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Jill Wyant <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2022 8:33 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear Members of the LUIC and Administrator Jason Towne,

My family and I have owned a home in Burnett County for nearly a decade. We were drawn to the area because of it's up north charm. No traffic, no big box stores, and a long drive required to see a chain restaurant — all wonderful anomalies in today's world. We enjoy hiking, mountain biking and taking long walks in our beautiful region. We shop local to invest in and build the region's small business owners.

I am writing to respectfully request that you ensure stronger limits are placed on "campgrounds" as you finalize the working group's recommendations. These "campgrounds" result in a huge influx of people who come and go. They're not committed to our waterways, our trails or our community. I hope you will keep "campgrounds" small to non-existent in our beautiful, quiet, pristine region.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Pat Wyant <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2022 8:39 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear Members of the LUIC and Administrator Jason Towne,

My family and I have owned a home in Burnett County for nearly a decade. We were drawn to Burnett County because of its natural landscapes, clean and protected waterways and access to nature. We are very concerned about the growing trend around "campgrounds" overtaking communities in the surrounding area.

I am writing to respectfully request that you implement stronger limits on "campgrounds" in Burnett County. More specifically, I ask that you:

- Please limit "campground" density to 2-3 camping units per acre or lower.
- Please cap "campsites" to no more than 100 camping units per facility or lower in the new RR-RC commercial zone
- Prohibit campgrounds in RR-3 or any other residential zoning districts
- Require separation of at least 1-2 miles between new and existing "campgrounds."
- Preserve democracy by giving citizens and taxpayers in our Towns a meaningful role in approving or denying new or expanded facilities of 50 camping units or greater.

Thank you for considering these requests are the upcoming April 5th meeting.

Sincerely,

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Thomas Hanlon <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear Gentlemen;

Thank you for allowing me to write to you regarding the serious matter of campgrounds in Burnett County. I have lived on the Yellow River outside of Webster for 4 years and love the area. I appreciate the quiet, the wildlife: the birds the bears the deer the turkeys but most of all the quiet. I fear that a campsite anywhere near to my home would destroy all of that quiet and scare away all of that wildlife. There are already enough campsites in the area and we certainly do not need more. I support the Work Group's recommendation to lower the density standard of the number of campsites per acre. I support the Work Group's recommendation to cap the number of campsites within the RR-RC zoning district to under 100 units per faculty. I also support the Work Group's recommendation to remove campgrounds as a conditional use in the RR-3 Zoning District. I have driven by campgrounds in the area and they are a blight on the landscape; they are overcrowded and noisy. I fear that a campground will be built close by my home and my property values will plummet. I love seeing kayakers and canoeists floating on the Yellow River below my home but I don't want to see hundreds of them. Please think about 500 or more new neighbors living next door to you and do the right thing. I appreciate your taking the time to read my letter and thank you for the hard work you have already put into this very important issue.

Sincerely

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Margret Buer <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2022 11:45 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

I think we need to preserve the beauty of our county and not have trailers diminish that. Every trailer court I see is an eye sore. They just do not fit into this county.

Thank you, and please consider not to allow this.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Margret Buer <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2022 11:48 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

My husband Dwight Buer is in total agreement with me  
Do not destroy the natural beauty of our county

Thank you  
Dwight Buer

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Patricia Twohy-Greene <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2022 2:24 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Hi and Thank You for your work.

Please let us put a cap on camping units. We need tight regulations and policies because developers will search high and low for loopholes. And then your hard work will be compromised.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Dennis & Dianne Olson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2022 5:10 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear Chairman Bickford & Land Use Information Committee,

We have been Burnett County property owners for 44 years. We have raised our children on Rooney Lake and now our five grandchildren (ages 10-16) love to spend time with us at the lake. Over the years, we have seen growth in the number of cabins/homes on the lake and we have seen a large increase in activity levels on the lake. Fortunately, most people have been respectful of the importance of care of the lake plus our Rooney Lake property owners have spoken up if/when the lake environment and habitat might be endangered.

We are now writing to you to protect our entire Burnett County from the dangers relative to uncontrolled campsite developments. We pay approximately \$3,500 in property taxes each year and have our own well and septic system. Scott township provides plowing on the road. In other words, we do not ask for or receive many services for our tax dollars but we realize that we are privileged to live in this county on our lake and we know that we can call on emergency services if necessary. It is our understanding that "campsite communities" have no accountability for property taxes to pay toward essential county services yet they often require a disproportionate amount of county services. How much will these essential services have to increase (with no property tax contributions) if you allow uncontrolled or lightly controlled growth in these campsite communities? Who will pay for these extra needs?

In summary, please:

- \*Amend the current density standard to 2-3 campsites/acre, which is comparable to other lot sizes and subdivision rules across the county.

- \*Require mandatory screening and setback rules.

- \*Cap campsites at less than 100 but preferably at 50 in new RR-RC.

- \*Remove Campground Communities from RR-3 zoning districts. CAMPSITES SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS!

Thank you all for your work and support of maintaining our beautiful Burnett County environment for the future of so many generations to come!

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Holly Gigure <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

I am writing to request not allowing an RV subdivision being allowed in Burnett County. Our small towns lose their appeal with parks like these. I've witnessed traffic increases, increased drunk driving, and increased boat traffic on already dangerously busy lakes. Please keep these in mind as you vote on this topic. Thank you for your time,

Holly

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** John Velebir <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2022 11:15 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Being permanent residents of Burrett County the last several years and owning property since 1995 we have witnessed several changes. The Barrens wildlife area maintenance has become a major cost because of the disregard of the rules and restrictions in place to protect it. The cost associated with additional public safety, ambulance, enforcement, road and trail maintenance, tax base, noise and congestion are degrading our quality of life. We oppose approval of more campgrounds.

Thank you,  
John and Mona Velebir

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Robert Heininger <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2022 11:47 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

My wife and I have been property owners in Burnett County for 36 years, the last 11 as permanent residents. I support local businesses and want the economy here to grow and flourish, as I am sure you all will agree.

I do have a few concerns about campground regulations/ordinances going forward as follows:

1) Density. I would favor limiting campgrounds to no more than 3 units/sites per acre with a cap of 100 units per facility (as unanimously recommended by the LUIC). I think that there should be a buffer zone between campgrounds to preserve the "rural atmosphere" that we enjoy.

2) Approval. I agree that township board approval should be required for any new or expansion campground proposals. Township boards could have local input affecting residents and property owners.

3) Restrict any campgrounds in residential zones.

Thank you for your consideration and service to Burnett County,  
Robert Heininger

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Mary Okonek <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2022 12:12 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

I think Burnett Co. has had enough influx of "new blood" with the Covid Pandemic which seems to have convinced lots of people from neighboring states to seek shelter in our rural areas. Frankly, I think masking, getting vaccinated and boosted is safer, cheaper and less of a threat to my neighbors than pulling up stakes and hitting the road. As far as I'm concerned, one more campsite is too many. I say this in light of recent pleas for volunteers to join local volunteer fire departments, ambulance crews, 1st responders, etc.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Donna Hagert <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2022 3:02 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear supervisors and others,

The existing and proposed campgrounds threaten the lakes, streams, rivers and land in Burnett county and provide little tax relief. I am against any new campgrounds and expansions of existing campgrounds. The natural resources cannot be stressed anymore. It is important for county officials to impose restrictions in this area to preserve the natural wellbeing of the resources.

Sincerely,

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Allison McMartin <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2022 5:28 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Hello to all. I am writing to you in regards to issues that are very close to my heart as well as to my family, but they are also issues that we take very seriously in regard to the current future of our property, the lakes & woodlands in our area and to the entire county of Burnett and beyond.

When we purchased our property on Big Sand Lake in Burnett County in 2011, we purchased this because of our love of nature, privacy, purity of the pristine lakes and woodlands, the animals, and many other aspects of the area. We purchased a tiny cabin that the majority of the people who might have purchased it would have tore it down and built larger. We kept the same footprint, only improved our area. We turned an eyesore into a beautiful piece of property without interfering with the wildlife, lake and woodlands in our area.

We bought on this lake because of its privacy and pristine quality and the fact that a majority of it is occupied by an American Indian Reservation. That fact alone puts a duty on us to be respectful of the lake and all the areas that surround the lakes and woods of Burnett County. They were here first and we must remain respectful to that fact.

We enjoy the size of our community and the small towns in the area. We are extremely concerned that if people are allowed to build RV Parks and Campgrounds in our area wherever they want, that there will be too large of an influx in population and our lakes, woods, waterways, highways, stores, restaurants, roads, etc. will be overpopulated and the communities cannot handle that. There will be more noise, light, crowding. The roads already now have increased in traffic since 2011 and are very busy. Increase that by hundreds of more people and that is a recipe for accidents. We also know that the local communities don't particularly want that. With that large amount of people there will be more transportation pollution, human waste pollution, typical living pollution which fill up the landfills, more pollution to our water sources, the lakes and the woodlands. More humans equals more

deterioration to the quality of nature. The people who live and breathe here, like our quiet and private way of life away from the hustle and bustle of overpopulation.

We are concerned at what adding that many people to the area will do to the natural habitat and to the wildlife who have called this place their home. THEY

We pay taxes on our property in Burnett County. We pay lake property taxes. The people who will be putting in these large RV Parks or Campgrounds will bring more people and recreation abuse to the area, but they won't be paying the taxes that we do. Also, the large amount of units they want allowed per site is much more concentrated than what we have on our own property. We also aren't allowed to have more than one living space on our property. We're here because WE RESPECT THE LAND AND ALL THAT WE HAVE.

As owners, we also invest a lot of time and money into these communities and beyond Burnett County and feel we have a vested interest in this and a lot at stake if these campground or RV parks come into fruition.

The RVers and Campers will have just as much right to all of the amenities that we work hard for and pay a good price for, but their footprint and abuse and future will only be temporary where we are here into the future as this is our home.

What we would like to ask for is:

~ to limit capacity to 2 or fewer campig units per acre.

~we would like a campsite max or cap of no more than 100 camping units per facility or zone or lower.

~we would like no campgrounds allowed in RR-3 or any other residential zoning district.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Allison McMartin <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2022 5:36 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Continuation (Page 2)....Sorry.....My letter was sent prior to finishing it. Anyway, we feel that adding such large establishments to our area don't benefit the area except for the people who will be using them. We also are concerned at the proximity of said establishments. We would like to see a required separation of at least 2 miles between new and existing "campgrounds" and it would be nice for the towns affected to have a role to be able to approve or deny any new or expanding facilities of 50 camping units or greater.

Your consideration and hard work towards this is greatly appreciated by us and for generations to come.

Sincerely,

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Timm Stoffel <timmstoffel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2022 10:27 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Fwd: LUIC meeting letter  
**Attachments:** Burnetty county LUIC 20220322.docx; ATT00001.htm

Jason

Please share with the LUIC  
thanks

Timm

Sent from my iPhone

Jason Towne

Land Use Committee Members

Burnett County

Land Use Committee

My name is Timm Stoffel, 7154 South Devils Lake Drive, Webster.

I understand that there are a few recommendations that the Committee is making. With respect to the number of campsites being limited to 5. I believe this is still too many. This is still too dense. A small city will occur even with 5 campers, and guests, in this space. Please visualize 5 campers with an average of 3-4 people per camper, plus guests, cars, picnic tables, etc, all on one acre. Too dense. The limit should be two campers in this zone.

With respect to the RR-RC zoning district capacity, the cap should be lower than suggested. It should be no more than 50. Why create a cap at 150, which is extremely large. At that capacity a campground will have more residents than the town of Webster on a regular basis, much less swell to even double that size some weekends! Again, visualize that. Does that look and feel right in this rural community of Burnett County? No, of course not. This also needs to be limited. 50 feels right to me.

With respect to removing campgrounds from RR-3, I support this recommendation. Do not let the full board who has not been involved in any of your discussions and have spent a small fraction of the time you spent on any of the campground issues doubt your recommendation of not allowing campgrounds in RR-3.

Lastly, adding more campgrounds does not financially benefit the county. Why allow campground operators pay nominal amount of property tax on their land compared to others in the county, yet they seem to be the ones who have a much higher usage, abuse, need for the county services with no corresponding tax paying impact. Even the nominal user fees are not adding up to keep the campground owners paying in as much as a resident pays comparatively.

Thanks for your time.

Timm Stoffel



## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Carol Huff <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2022 2:44 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

I have lived in Burnett County for over 30 years, and also worked in Burnett County for the health department, Webster Schools and Capeside Cove. I have been regularly attending board meetings in Wood River and also attending virtually meetings of the landuse committee. I appreciate your dedication to all the residents of Burnett County.

I would like you to cap the number of campsites to 100 - down from 150 but keeping it under 50 would be better. Current campsites are 50. Consideration of proximity to other campgrounds, soil type and drainage - including septic needs, and conforming to town ordinances and plans.

Please remove campgrounds from RR-3. The land use committee approved unanimously, but the board back pedaled. Campgrounds should not be in residential areas.

I know from living on a lake, that additional use on weekends and major holidays brings more people, but often I find toys, including skis, etc that have come from boats that end up on my shoreline. I also notice less boater safety during these times.

The minimal tax input from these campgrounds will not affect most taxes.

I also do garbage pick up along my road and see more junk tossed at the roadside. I anticipate that the same may occur in campgrounds where they have refuse barrels.

If we allow BIG first, we have no opportunity to see how it affects our county and our wonderful natural resources and the residents of Burnett County.

I encourage you to amend and accept the changes that the land use committee approved.

Thank you.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Karen Mixon <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2022 3:10 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear Supervisors,

I was astounded to hear that all the hard work of the "working group" to come up with a COMPROMISE on the expansion of "camp grounds" might be thrown out the window. In a compromise nobody gets exactly what they want. Homeowners on Burnett County lakes would prefer zero trailer parks. Can we please stop calling them campgrounds. Those are temporary places to pitch a tent and have a camp fire under the stars. The proliferation of trailer parks in our county is a greedy act by a few powerful individuals. My lake, Webb Lake has already been ruined. Can we please just stop this madness. Our lake could have 240 trailers, vs 175 cabins. The cabin owners are supporting the county and state financially. The trailer owners are not. But developers are getting rich. At what point is a lot of money enough?

Are all the building codes and sanitation codes being strictly enforced? How and when are zoning districts decided? Can any person petition for a change in zoning to accomplish their development goals? NO trailer camp grounds should be allowed in residential zones! If property owners can have only one trailer for one year on their lot, how can developers have three or more? Our beautiful roads are a terrifying experience for a walker or cyclist when hoards of very loud ATVs speed past. And our overcrowded lakes are an tragic accident waiting to happen. And we no longer have a sheriff.

Please, please do not give in to the rich and powerful. We are actually the "little guys" in our cabins, working hard to keep them up and enjoying the peace and quiet. We have been property owners since 1973, and our 3 children and 8 grandchildren love our cabin. The unintended long range consequences of trailer park proliferation will be greatly reduced property values, as owners search for rural tranquility elsewhere.

We appreciate all your hard work,  
Karen Mixon

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Robert and Mary Jacobson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2022 6:00 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

To Whom it may concern:

We have a home on Big Sand Lake, and are writing to express our concern about the continual threat of large, high density "campgrounds" that are threatening our rural county and all the natural elements that make this county so attractive. I use quotes around "campgrounds" because we all know these are not campgrounds, but instead mobile home parks. These "campers" don't come and go after a week... they require large towing vehicles to "park" them on these units seasonally or annually. They have accessory units, plumbing and sewage for each "camper"... and many of these "campers" are the size of our homes! Didn't the Burnett County 2030 Comprehensive Plan state it was in our county's best interest to "preserve the attractiveness and rural character of the county"? How do numerous large, high density "campgrounds" fit that goal? They don't! Please.... Stick to the 2030 Comprehensive Plan that was so carefully and thoughtfully constructed with the input of so many residents, property owners and business owners.

We need a reasonable cap on the number of units such a "campground" can have... 50-100 minimally but preferably on the lower end. 150 units is still too high!! Assuming 2-4 people per unit, that's 500 new residents in a small area!! That's an entire town being dropped into our rural communities... using our resources for virtually pennies while the rest of us are paying property taxes.

In 2021, we paid \$2,701 in property taxes for our (small) .46 acre property. How many "campers" are going to be allowed on a half acre/acre parcel? In total, they should be paying a similar property tax rate/month as we are - the campers and especially the "campground" owner(s) since they are profiting from this business! If I tried to get a permit to build an accessory dwelling on my small parcel, I'd have to go through a lot of red tape and probably get denied. But these "campgrounds" can cram them in! They should not allow more than 2-3

camping units per acre at the very least to preserve our county's "attractiveness and rural character."

Also... please... no "campgrounds" in RR-3 zoning districts - or ANY other residential zoning districts. These "campgrounds" are businesses... not long term residents paying property taxes and investing in the community. Plopping an instant small town of 500 into a residential area ruins the "attractiveness and rural character" of our communities.

Lastly, consider ways to limit the number of "campground" units in Burnett County (total)... and ways to separate "campgrounds" from each other so they don't expand and merge into massive high density camper towns. Consider ways on allowing town(ship)s more authority over "campgrounds" in their area and the expansion of such "campgrounds". Prevent these "campgrounds" from Shoreline Protection zones or anywhere they can negatively impact our waterways. Make sure the boat launches within XX miles of such a "campground" are manned with someone making sure these transient vessels are not bringing in invasive species to our pristine lakes and rivers, and that there is ample parking available for trailers for these close proximity launches (or don't allow the "campground"!.) Have police patrol these areas more often to ensure these high density populations are "preserving our attractiveness and rural character". Require restoration of natural elements (trees, prairie grass, native plants) to these "campgrounds" - between units and around the perimeter of the "campground" to help reduce erosion and runoff.

We recently fought the Bocan CUPs for such a high density campground between Big Sand Lake and Lake Viola (a thin strip of land that would have impacted the natural resources of 2 lakes, nearby property owners and Hwy 70 traffic.) It's our understanding this twice denied project still has some life and we are anxiously awaiting news that this "campground" will no longer be a possibility in our area. Please... consider the property owners of Burnett County and preserve our rural character and attractive communities by limiting and minimizing these high density "campgrounds"!

Sincerely,

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Kristi Brent <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 7:59 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Please set limits. No way should the campgrounds be in close proximity to home owners who have saved their whole lives to purchase on these lakes and have campgrounds move in. We pay a lot for taxes. This isn't right!

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Tom Koteles <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Jason and LUIC members,

I'm writing to ask for a cap of, not to exceed, 50 sites on any new campgrounds and/or expansion of existing campgrounds. My preference would be to have a complete hold on any new campgrounds and/or any expansions until a thorough study is conducted in regards to the impact on infrastructure. Including, but not limited to: Law Enforcement, Fire, EMS, DNR Enforcement and a common set of Laws/Ordinances that existing and new campground owners and members must adhere too, along with us permanent residents. Specifically, ATV/Side by Side speed on the roads and noise caused by loud exhaust systems and now stereos. It is not uncommon for me to be passed, while in my truck, going 35 MPH, that should not happen.

That said, we do have a wonderful environment here in Burnett County and sharing it, I'm not against. However, I am opposed to any further eroding of the tranquility, serene and peaceful environment we currently have and enjoy.

My background:

I and my family have been coming to the place we now own and have made our permanent residence, since 1988. Purchased it in 2010 from our friend. So I have been on both sides, a weekend visitor and now a permanent resident. It was instilled in me that this is "God's Country" and we are keeping it that way. Meaning, No littering, no loud music, no racing on the roadways, etc.

Over the last several years, I have seen all of these degrading. With the increase in ATV/Side-by-Side vehicles, and now the addition of large stereos and exhaust systems, it has gotten worse. I regularly hear the noise now all day long in the summer, including well into the night and early morning hours. Along with this, I also, regularly spend my time on the roads picking up many beer and soda cans and bottles along with other trash. I don't put all of this



on the campgrounds, but, the significant increase is while the trails are open and campgrounds are full.

Also, we need to address all the new lake traffic and in particular, speed/ski boats, Wake boats and jet ski's. Our lakes are a precious resource as well and need protection too.

We need everyone to understand and respect that for the permanent residents, this IS our "Neighborhood". Enjoy it, don't ruin it.

Thank You for reading this and considering it in your decisions.

Best Regards

Tom Koteles

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Dale Halverson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 11:16 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Supervisors,

I support the ordinance changes recommended by the Preserve Burnett Co. The Towns and Villages should have the authority to make the ordinances more stringent if appropriate to their respective situations.

Dale Halverson

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Linda Halverson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 11:41 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

I think that the tax structure for campgrounds is very unfair to the permanent residents of Burnett Co. Each lot should be assessed according to type of use (permanent, weekly rental, etc.). Taxes on each lot should be in line with taxes for other non-resident private sites.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Rodney Larson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 12:43 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Recommendations for Campgrounds in Burnett County

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Thank you for your work on behalf of Burnett County. I appreciate it!

We have lived on Lake Minerva in Burnett County for seventeen years. We love the pristine character of the county and would like to see that preserved for future generations. In 2020 I willingly invested \$1,000 in Gull Lake Waters, LLC to help purchase 22.86 acres from a developer in order to insure the acreage would be maintained in its natural state and not converted to an RV campsite. Gull Lake Waters, LLC raised a total of \$1.5 million to complete that purchase for which I am very thankful.

During our seventeen years in Burnett County, we have watched the number of RV campsites increase significantly and proliferate across the county. We agree with the recommendations of the Burnett County Campground Work Group. We also believe those recommendations should be strengthened as follows:

- (1) We would like to see the density limited to no more than 3 units per acre
- (2) We would like to see a cap of no more than 100 camping units per facility
- (3) We would like to see "campgrounds" removed from the RR-3 zoning district

As a taxpayer in Burnett County, I am concerned about the increased costs of county services like fire, sheriff and ambulance services that will come with the proliferation of RV campsites. In the past two years, I have observed the sheriff's department spending significant resources to rectify situations at two different campgrounds near us. RV campers are not paying taxes to Burnett County. That burden falls on property owners like us.

Thank you for considering seriously these recommendations!!

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Lynda Perlth <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Members of the committee,

We are writing you to support Stronger Limits on Campgrounds. As a Land Owners and Tax Payer in Burnett County of over 20 years, we strongly support the following:

- maximum of 2 to 3 campsites per acre
- 100 units Or LESS cap on campgrounds within RR-RC zones
- REMOVAL of ALL Campgrounds from RR-3 zones.

We the Land Owners and Tax Payers want to protect our environment, lakes, roads, etc. from further degradation caused by campgrounds. We have raised our family's in the county and look to you to vote on our behalf. The strain campgrounds place on our community, police, emergency response services is excessive in addition to the negative impact on our precious lakes and water species.

We ask for your vote in support of the limits that are referenced above.

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Land Owners on Viola Lake.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Chuck Gebeke <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 4:34 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendation

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

I am writing to you to ask you to limit camping facilities to no more than 100 sites and to keep several miles between campgrounds. Do not allow campgrounds in RR-3 zones. We have maintained our lake home in Burnett County for 32 years and paid high real estate taxes and supported the local businesses, fire department, etc. It seems unreasonable to increase the population with twice as many people who pay no taxes in the area. They would reap all the benefits without financially supporting the local services.

Sincerely,

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Suzanne Dahl <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Burnett County is unique for its natural beauty. It is home to both permanent and summer residents, who value its clean lakes and rivers, forests, and quiet lifestyle. Our family has spent summers and paid taxes there for over 90 years and kept our piece of land in its natural state. We enjoy the water in canoes and kayaks.

An abundance of campsites would completely transform this paradise into a dusty, noisy, crowded, and more dangerous place. How will the newcomers pay for their needs: water, sewage, garbage and trash pickup, police and fire protection, and medical services? How will they be provided?

As you debate these issues, I am respectfully requesting that you amend the current density standards to 2-3 units per acre. Secondly, I ask for a cap of 100 or fewer camping units per facility in the new RR-RC Zoning District. Thirdly, please remove campgrounds as a conditional use in the RR Zoning District. To allow too many campsites will kill the goose that laid the golden egg and destroy our beautiful God-given natural treasure.

Thank you for your hard work on these issues and for your consideration,

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Chuck Gebeke <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 4:50 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Gentlemen,

As a long time owner of a house on Rooney Lake, I would ask you to carefully consider the campground ordinance. From my perspective the lake could not support any large campgrounds. This would be the death of many of our smaller lakes.

thank you.

C. Gebeke

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**Towne, Jason**

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**From:** David Vejtruba <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 9:54 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Relative to all environmental and safety factors I am concerned with the present proposed limit of 5 camping units per acre for the density standard. I feel that that it should be lowered to 2-3 camping units per acre to safeguard our environment and way of life here in Burnett County today and for future generations. With the same concern I am in agreement with a cap of 100 or even less per facility and the removal of campgrounds as a conditional use on RR-3 zoned areas.

Thank you

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Arlene Zdrazil <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Stronger limits on campgrounds.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Jon Day <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2022 12:59 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear Supervisors,

I object to the development of these so called campgrounds which are really residential developments.

The operators of these campgrounds are exploiting the lack of enforcement of the 8 month limit on occupancy of a campsite.

What they are doing is offering an up north cabin disguised as a "camper".

This needs to stop. We all know what a campground should look like. What we are seeing here is manufactured home communities that are avoiding all the laws associated with that type of development.

Please put a stop to this.

Jon Day

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Paul Trovecke <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

My background: 75 years old, 4th generation on Crooked Lake No., member (CLNLA), and a commitment to preserve the land and water that we have in Burnett County. I've watched the interest of others who also have been attracted to our County because of its' natural beauty and the desire to enjoy Nature. That process has appeared to be orderly, until the recent rapid expansion of these large campsite applications.

When I listed the pros and cons for myself of these proposals, what comes up are more negatives than positives for the preservation of our natural resources. It is apparent that some developers have found a way to exploit some old codes for whose benefit? The old saying, "follow the money trail" applies to their proposals. With all the strife that is happening on our planet, do we also need to bring it to our area of Wisconsin. Is that good for all of us who have been here for decades and future users?

These sites are not preserving what we have for future generations, and it is not the legacy I want to be remembered for, exploiters vs caretakers of what we have been honored to use. Do the right thing and limit the size of these sites. Once again, this looks like greed on the part of a few individuals.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Craig Amundsen <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2022 1:13 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear Burnett County Board member,

Please place stronger limits on campgrounds in our county. Specifically I would like to see a density limit of 2 camping units per acre, a campsite cap of no more than 25 camping units per facility in the new RR-RC commercial zones, and no campgrounds in our residential zoning districts.

I am a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and I studied the environmental impacts of development in rural areas for many years. I have seen the devastating effects of development on our lakes and streams. Please protect Burnett County from campground development.

Thank you,  
Craig Amundsen

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Marcia Vejtruba <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2022 1:40 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

It must be obvious by now that residents who will be affected by additional campground area are opposed. Please listen to the people who actually own property, live here and want to see the area remain undamaged. These are the people that matter. The few months when campers will benefit the area by attending the bars/restaurants and stores do NOT make up for noise, trash, and property damage done. We were told when we built off of Hwy 77 (an already busy highway) that the trail behind us was for winter use only. Not long after we completed our build, it was added to the ATV trail. We were also told last year the county would be allowing in the near future, the tree coverage, which is the only sight and sound barrier we currently have, to be cut for a profit of just a few thousand dollars. This is a sad commentary on priorities. Respect the residents please and rethink this push to add more campers. The revenue does not match the destruction of the area with noise, addition al traffic and damage. Thank you.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Steve Mattson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Please consider the impact that camp site/sRV parks would have on the environment. If approved, please keep a density limit of 2-3 camp sites per acre. Consider a cap of no more than 100 units per facility or lower for the new RR-RC commercial zones. Please do not allow any other sites in residential zones or RR-3 areas.

Everyone is looking to cash in on the next thing. Burnett Co is and has been a place to escape the hussle of everyday life. It needs to stay humble yet affordable. If RV/caps site move it, property values will go down- that is a given. Less tax revenue equals less income for the already under funded Co. Everything from infrastructure to Emergency services will be negatively impacted.

Thank you for your time.

Steve Mattson

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Pam Van Beusekom <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2022 1:58 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Please consider limiting these large campgrounds. It will put a big strain on all of the services in our beautiful area, Police, Fire, roads, trails, lakes and many more. They certainly need to be taxed at a much higher rate if you allow the campgrounds to come into the area.

Thank you

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Paul Zenner <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2022 2:26 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

As you can see from my addresses I listed I own 3 cabins/lake homes in one location. I have grown to love Burnett County but considering what happened on Minerva and many other locations I am concerned about the future with the campgrounds. Many of them are unsightly and very dense in population. The Pardun campground are just a bunch of trailers and RVs packed in on a treeless parcel. Doesn't look good from the road. The least they could do is plant some trees. I've driven through the Webb Lake campground on a snowmobile and find it to be unsightly. There needs to be control over this.

The reality is there needs to be restrictions to keep Burnett County a place to come by taxpayers. There need to be density limits such as 2-3 camping units per acre, maximum of 100 camping units in a facility, plus no campgrounds in RR3 zones. Appearance is extremely important also. The townships need to be involved.

Owning 3 cabins/lake homes next to each other I'm likely one of the larger tax payers in Burnett County. I find it very disconcerting that I and many others are subsidizing these campers and campgrounds. I own apartment buildings in the Twin Cities and pay approximately 20% or more of the rent into taxes. Can you say this about campgrounds? The \$50 dollars per site in taxes could be become \$600 or more! It's all based on cap rates and proper valuation. Not the valuation of land only. At least this would provide fairness to the real taxpayers and the county.

Thank you for your consideration.

Paul Zenner

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Ludlow Smethurst <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2022 2:37 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear All,

Again I send our plea to limit proposals to add such overwhelming numbers to campground development in our beautiful lake area. Our families (Bixby, Fahnestock) began coming here in the years before World War I, staying at Deckelnecks' Resort on Lake Minerva until they were able to build their cottages on Love Lake in 1925 and 1926. Ever since, we have treasured our time there. The water quality of our chain of lakes and others nearby should be protected in every way possible to continue the history of its beauty and attraction to those who would maintain it.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely, Ludlow (Bixby) Smethurst

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** John Hamilton <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Burnett County has been blessed with abundant natural resources that have attracted us and our neighbors to make significant investments in our lake properties. But the resources are not infinite...they need protection and care. The reason we are there, the reason we spend over \$12,000 a year in Burnett County NOT including the property taxes we pay there, is to enjoy the tranquility, clean waters and safety. The Campgrounds bring fast drivers, heavy drinkers, loud mufflers and uncommonly bad manners. I have written to you before of the excessively rude behaviors exhibited by the "neighbors" from the Campgrounds. Everyone on our lake knows everyone else, we know the boats, we know where they live. If kids get unruly or behave badly, we know their Mothers and trust me, we call. Campers are not known by anyone and they know their behavior has no consequences. Home owners are in for the long haul; we are busy cleaning the gutters and planting gardens, painting the house and washing widows. Campers are there to fish, ski, drink, drive ATV's and "have a good old time".

Homeowners protect the resource, Campers USE it. I have witnessed non-owners pee off their boats right in front of my house, chase loons, throw empty drink cans in the lake, leave their over-the-limit catch on the shore, speed through the no wake zones and power their boats onto the trailers leaving big holes in the ramp base all because they either don't know any better, don't care or simply know they won't get caught.

Please don't allow additional campers in Burnett County. The homeowners bring benefit to the County through their investments in construction and employment of skilled trades and local businesses. Campgrounds benefit the bars and dollar stores and in the process, chase the rest of us out of town. I don't think it is a good trade off.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** BRUCE MARSH <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2022 2:58 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Campground Work Group Recommendation Thoughts

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

To Whom It May Concern:

As a Burnett County property owner since 1994, I've seen a number of changes around my property. None more concerning than the growth of RV Campgrounds. The beauty of our county and the reason for making this life investment was to be able to enjoy the outdoors in a respectful way. We share it with family, friends and welcome new neighbors. Once we make the investment, while knowing change will occur, the rules of the game won't change so dramatically that it would be hard to enjoy as intended.

I happen to be professionally involved in the outdoor industry. Business has been great, as Covid drove many people to try living the outdoor life. While my portion of the business is less geared toward the RV side, I do business with a number of RV sellers. My gut feel is that the RV business will soon see a decline. It's over supplied due to the consumer reaction to Covid, dealers order more and I'm sure there will be a glut. Demand for campsites may also see rapid decline. Essentially, this fad will fade.

I recognize that there's a desire to lower the bar to allow more to participate in the northwoods lifestyle. Ideally, it would also include a plan to level the amount of taxes paid by those that choose to lease a RV campsite. Paying ones fair share to support the county infrastructure benefits the current taxpayer base. Everyone should have skin in the game.

Please limit the amount of campers on a per acre basis to two. Please don't allow mega camping facilities that overwhelm any areas tranquility. We also don't need to have county services overwhelmed.

In all decisions, please be very selective. Certainly, please don't allow campgrounds allowed in RR-3 or any other residential zoning districts.

If you've read this far. Thank you. Do your best but please keep Burnett county an enjoyable place to live.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Deena Wassenberg <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2022 2:59 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear Burnett County Leadership Team,

I write to you to ask you to take some steps to slow the development in Burnett County, so that growth can be thoughtful and in-line with the goals of the residents of Burnett county. My family is new to Burnett County. In the summer of 2020 we bought our dream cabin on Tabor Lake. The cabin might not be everyone's dream. It is a one-bedroom, 3 season structure. There were a lot of mice, years of dust, cobwebs, and spiders to deal with. But to us, it was and is perfect! Not only for the charm of our "rustic" cabin, but because it is on a lake that is one of the clearest lakes in Wisconsin, because it is quiet and peaceful. Even in August, when so many lakes around are fully green, Tabor Lake is still beautiful. As we've wandered into the town of Danbury and the surrounding area it still has the charm and feel of the small Wisconsin town. There are ATVs out having a good time, but the traffic (both car and ATV) is in line with the capacity of the roads and trails.

When I first heard about the issue of campgrounds, I wasn't concerned. I grew up in Wisconsin and camping was a large part of my childhood. We had an army canvas tent, and when my parents got tired of sleeping on the ground, they bought an old-style conversion van that had a bed in the back. We traveled around and camped. As I read more, I realize that this is not the same kind of camping I am used to. These are campgrounds that will be very high capacity and high impact. The campgrounds will have very dense occupancy and will vastly increase the population of Burnett County.

It is unclear to me that Burnett County has the road, emergency services, or infrastructure to deal with this large of a population increase. In addition, I don't believe that the nutrient input into the watershed, and the impact of that many people entering the community due to these developments is well-understood. These campgrounds will only minimally contribute to the tax revenue of the county.



I ask that the county leadership enact restrictions to ensure the continued quality of the land water and lifestyles in Burnett county. These would include enacting:

- A density Limit of ~2 camping units per acre
- A cap on the size of any campgrounds for how many can be in a facility.
- A prohibition of campgrounds in RR-3 or residentially zoned areas.

Thank you addressing and hearing public input on this very important issue.

Sincerely,

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Jon Ahlstrand <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

You can't beat city hall. You have to figure campground like farm land. If there is no house on the property it is just land and isn't any different than having a mobile home on it except you can't move mobile homes as easily but they can still be moved.

If you have a house on property that has a lake you will per higher taxes than one that doesn't. The same thing goes for a fancy expensive house on yellow lake you should pay more taxes than a house on say Sand Lake which is smaller and not as improved and the house is smaller your taxes should be a lot less but do you. You can't fight politics and whom knows whom. There is nothing fair in the world so if you don't like the fairness buy a trailer.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Kathleen Whitcomb <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Well, you have heard from me before, but once again, I would like to point out that none of the people involved in the RV campgrounds are paying their fair share of taxes. I have owned the property on Webb Lake for close to 50 years and have not complained about paying my fair share even though I am not a full time resident and have not sent my kids to Burnett County Schools.

Since we have already packed the 2 campgrounds on Webb Lake with close to 300 sites, why should I worry . . . . . right? Well at the rate that this lust for camper money is going, what is to prevent another 200-300 people "camping" at another RV campground in the future???

Concerned property owners are saying put a cap of 50-100 sites per campground. I implore you to limit the number of campgrounds in Burnett County. Please, Please, Please consider the impact of packing in 100s of people who are not paying for services in Burnett County. The campground owners have the easiest "gig" going - they are not paying their fair share. Please listen to the property OWNERS - the people who have a cabin or home on one parcel of land. I have been a participant (virtually) in your meetings, you are decent people. Be forward thinkers and stewards of the land we have been so fortunate to have here in Burnett County. Thank you for your time and service

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** David Berger <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

I ask that all Town board members vote to keep the area from getting over crowded and lakes from getting ruined with excessive new campgrounds. I also ask that you tax the campgrounds in an equal and equitable way so everyone is paying their fair share and the county has the funds to complete necessary work throughout the year. Currently it appears campgrounds are getting off with less taxes as other owners in the area.

Thank you

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Kim Thomas <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

I am writing to support the work of the committee recommending to limit the growth and establishment of the existing and future 'campgrounds'. Our Lake was able to 'dodge the bullet' of the proposed 'campground' on the Minerva Chain of Lakes but only by an infusion of time, money and a great deal of effort. We come to the Lake to experience the sunrises and sunsets, the calling of the loons and the wonderful clean water. All of these would be adversely affected by the continued growth of the campgrounds as well as the constant sound of UTVs. We came perilously close to selling our beautiful spot due to the proposed campground. We have come to avoid the entire Danbury area, not buying groceries or wine/beer locally, not frequenting the gas stations and even staying away from the restaurants, due to the overwhelming presence of the UTV riders as well as the campgrounds.

I hope you take our concerns to heart and adopt the proposed recommendations to limit the growth of any future campgrounds.

Sincerely,

Kim Thomas

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Glen Van Wormer <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

By now you have heard from many Burnett County land owners concerned about the future of the area. While we understand the desire to share our beautiful area with those not able to own land in the county, we are concerned that overuse of an area will make it an undesirable area for both the visitors and the land owners. We've seen areas evolve into Wisconsin Dells type environments.

We have been on Webb Lake for over 40 years enjoying the area in all seasons. We have invested heavily in the area and pay about \$5,000 a year in property taxes and use many local services. When there, we put one boat in the water, generate about 2 motor vehicle trips per day, and an occasional off road vehicle trip. We average 4 people about 12 days a month in the peak season.

Our nearby campground, Oak Ridge, with 135 units pays about \$6,000 a year in property taxes. On a weekend day, they put 15 to 25 boats in the water, generate roughly 150 vehicle trips day, and add a significant number of off-road vehicles to the trails. Oak Ridge might average 1400 people per week in peak season.

You can do the math and speculate on who pays the most for use of county facilities and who risks straining the area physically and environmentally.

We can tell when the campground is full. More boats on the water, including some drivers with no idea of courtesy, rules, or even safety. More ATV's coming down our dead end road, some even hustling down the private access to several properties, churning up the sand as they turn around to roar out. More traffic on town roads around the lake, many with trailers or RVs. We don't want to complain about the noise as that usually comes from people having fun. But sometimes things do seem to get out of hand.

There needs to be a limit on Campground density, closer to a few per acre. Packing RVs and trailers into small areas strains the ability of the land to accept the heavy use. Huge septic systems, heavy drains of the aquifer's wells, little incentive to care for the surroundings, need for storage of boats, trailers, and equipment, and significant impacts on public streets and trails are all by products of overuse.

We want to share our beautiful country with others, but not lose it to overuse.

Please, only two or three campground sites per acre. We can all then enjoy it.

Please, only 50 units per campground. Think of the impact on the lakes, trails, and roads.

Consider how many permanent residential units it takes to equal the generation from one campground.

Please, space campgrounds out with 2 to 4 miles between them.

Thank you for all the time and effort you have put into the campground issues over the past few years. Please make your efforts worthwhile with limits that will keep the county safe and enjoyable in the future.

Glen Van Wormer

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** David Bergstrom <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

As owners of property in Burnett Co. since 1975, we are adamantly opposed to the proposed campgrounds in Burnett Co. We feel it will have an adverse effect on our lakes and streams due to increased usage along with the increased opportunity for invasive species to inhabit our lakes and streams. Many of these boaters have total disregard for the native inhabitants including loons, herons and other waterfowl. We have seen boaters come way too close to nesting loons for instance. Overfishing is another concern along with wake boats and other high speed boats on small lakes.

This increased population density will also impact our police and fire protection. These "residents" will not be paying much in the way of property taxes to support the increased need in staff. And what about roads and other infrastructure? Please vote no to these campgrounds!

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Dee Rykal <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Greetings,

I am writing a letter to you to ask that you unanimously vote to remove campgrounds as a conditional use in the RR-3 zoning district.

We've had a home in Burnett country since 1996 (25 years) and have enjoyed the quiet and serene life, that is, before the campground at Bumps was expanded. Since then, we have ATV's/UTV's racing up and down our dead-end road at high rates of speed (many times these are young children with no helmets) and dumping garbage on and around the roads near Bumps campground.

Our other concerns are:

- Do we currently have adequate police and fire department personnel to handle the additional influx of people with more campgrounds?
- Traffic on Wisconsin 35 gets so bad in the summer between Webster and Siren, especially on weekends, that I am afraid that additional campgrounds would increase this traffic to the point that the local residents won't even want to go out on the weekends.
- The noise level from the campgrounds. Since Bumps added the additional sites, the noise level has gone up in our quiet neighborhood. The campers come up on the weekend, many to let loose, drinking, loud music and fireworks going off all summer.
- Our pristine lakes and rivers could become more polluted.
- We currently pay taxes every year to fund the roads and services. Why should we see an increase in our taxes, yet the operators of the campgrounds barely pay their fair share. Is this fair?

These are our concerns. Thank you for taking the time to review my letter and hopefully you will vote in favor of removing campgrounds as a conditional use in the RR-3 zoning district.

Sincerely,  
Scott and Dee Rykal

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Jeff Dahl <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2022 8:51 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

The owners of the campgrounds are not paying their fair share. Further, to preserve the wonderful quality of life in Burnett County, the campgrounds should be limited in size and not be allowed near waterways or other areas that should be preserved for the betterment to all who live there or who visit because of its unspoiled nature. Thank you for preserving this beautiful part of the Earth.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Margaret Langer <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2022 10:51 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

First of all; thank you for your service to Burnett County. I appreciate people who serve the public. I understand that it can be thankless work.

Now for my concerns. I live at 6720 Hayden Lake Road. It is a quiet spot where I can appreciate nature. Hayden Lake is a narrow winding road, designated as a Rustic Road, that I love to walk along and ride my bike along. Our peace and safety was threatened last year by the potential large campground at Howman's. It was a frightening prospect to imagine large motor-homes going down that narrow road. Thank God it was derailed. My concern at the time was the fact that I know that the county does not have the money to widen and straighten the road. Nor does it have the money to widen the bridge that anyone going to that campground would have to cross. These are some of the situations that I want the board to consider before agreeing to more campgrounds.

I am very concerned with the fact that the campgrounds are not paying their way considering the increase in police calls, ambulance calls and general wear and tear on the roads. The campgrounds in existence now need to start paying taxes that reflect the real costs for their existence.

In conclusion, I am against large campgrounds that become in essence RV subdivisions. Please for my sake and the sake of other residents of Burnett County help preserve what we have.

Thank you,  
Margaret Langer

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Peter Truitt <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2022 11:30 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear Supervisors,

I am a resident of Oakland Township primarily because of the natural beauty of the area, but I also value having adequate important public services and infrastructure which takes money, provides jobs, and requires good leadership.

Although I hope others who live elsewhere can enjoy visiting our area, I see that land use issues and taxation policies need to be improved to keep the area from being overrun and spoil what we have for everyone, including visitors.

I am fully in agreement with others who have proposed that there be a maximum density limit of 2-3 camping units per acre, allow no more than 100 camping units per facility in the new RR-RC commercial zone, and no campgrounds allowed in RR-3 or any other residential zoning districts.

It also seems reasonable that campgrounds be spaced a distance apart with input from the townships and the Saint Croix Chippewa Nation.

Taxation is another issue, and it is reasonable that campers should share the burden of public services with residents. Some of the roads in our area have become impassable in cars due to UTVs sliding around. I wonder how the package and mail delivery drivers like going down those roads day after day and wonder how emergency services are affected.

Thank you for holding many meetings and the consideration that supervisors have given to these important issues.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Theodore Bolles <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Please redefine Campgrounds!!

Campgrounds are sites that provide TEMPORARY residence for a week or less.

Everything else is covered by residential Zoning laws.

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## Towne, Jason

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**Sent:** Friday, March 25, 2022 10:49 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Our taxes have gone up in the last year which is normal I guess. These campgrounds keep growing and growing. It is nice to see the county growing but, enough is enough. They should be contributing to the tax roll. If it isn't campgrounds. now there are campers being parked on friends properties for the summer and some are there all year. Air BnB's are also showing up. What are the rules for them? We have been up here for 20 plus years and are seeing lots of changes some good and some not so good. It is time to get a handle on this..

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Bill and Kristi Patterson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 25, 2022 11:43 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear Burnett County LUIC Supervisors,

We would like to reiterate what others have recognized, that this committee deserves praise for their tremendous effort on county RV campground standards. We understand that it is a very challenging issue to balance the needs of county citizens, tourism revenue, environment, and local businesses. We are full-time residents on Webb Lake in the Town of Webb Lake, have direct experience with this issue, and have a long-term vested interest in its resolution. We would like to highlight a few arguments we're sure you've heard before.

Camping unit density in campgrounds: the scope of camping has changed significantly in the last 20-30 years as campgrounds have transitioned from sequentially rented small cabins to camper communities within the same geographic area, and from pop-up campers to large recreational vehicles. Tourists invest thousands of dollars in this form of "getting back to nature" and it would be surprising if they really appreciate being packed into a confining space with so many other people. Limiting the number of units per acre to 3 would benefit both county residents and tourists. This may be limiting the campground business, but investors would know they are all participating under the same rules. It is plausible that these changes could increase tourism in the county.

Campground capacity: the previous point can be applied to capacity. Tourists do not want to be part of a city – they are supposedly escaping the big city to get back to nature and large campgrounds defeat this intent. Please reduce the limit to 100 (or less) units per campground.

Location of campgrounds: this is a very challenging issue as most tourists desire to be in ideal locations. This is especially true for campgrounds on lakes. This can easily become counter-productive as too many campers plus residents try to enjoy the limited capacity of a lake, and it can create conflicts. Webb Lake has 250 campsites. Imagine, in good weather, if each campsite added an additional 2 people to the lake (500) or an additional 4 people to the lake (1000). Some "campers" that have been advertised for sale recently on this lake have highlighted space for 10 or more to sleep, which boggles the imagination.

Equitable taxation: the committee is likely aware of the argument that campground owners pay taxes to benefit the county, but the reality is this is proportionally inequitable. With the understanding that this may be outside the purview of this committee, please recommend taxation changes, or at minimum recommend an assessment of existing taxation of property owners vs campgrounds to the appropriate department or committee.

Please, continue the good work you've been doing and try your best to thoughtfully balance respect for and preservation of our beautiful natural resources, and compromise allows for people to live in a mutually beneficial fashion.

Thank you

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Jerry Tischer <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 25, 2022 12:02 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear Supervisors, Chair and Vice-Chair, and Director,

Obviously - you know that you are in a position to alter the dynamics of our area.

PLEASE consider that just because a person buys property they can do with it as they will. Wisconsin is a property rights state. Don't let us turn into "Missouri" where property rights prevail. What a quagmire!

Consider too, that there is a likelihood of an expanded RV park in northern Polk County near the Sundown Saloon. This too will be part of the "corridor" of RV parks in our county.

Please continue to "Just Say No."

Respectfully . . . Jerry Tischer

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Judy & Rich Rheault <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Burnett County Supervisors,

We respect your work, dedication & commitment to representing residents of Burnett County, your jobs have become more challenging, and most importantly your decisions are shaping the future of our wonderful communities.

We have generations of family history in the area, and are privileged to be second generation owners of 10761 Crosstown Rd. Our commitment to the area includes formation of the Little Wood Association, frequenting restaurants, local retailers & service providers as communities are important to the future of the area.

Today we are writing to encourage all parties to thoughtfully review and consider the long term affects to your decision on RV Subdivisions that are growing at an alarming rate! In our opinion, the benefits of these subdivisions are directed to the property owner & the RV "renters", as both parties are seeing tax benefits that in are opinion are not fair to individual property owners. If I look at our current property tax statement & compare to public information of 5 of the current RV subdivisions I see gross inequalities. I question why you would not want to generate additional revenue from sites that host up to 159 RV sites...they are not contributing to the road maintenance required when big rigs are traveling on Highway 70 or local roads. The influx of additional spring, summer & fall residents strain our emergency services. Many local lakes & boat landing are strained now, yet with continued RV Subdivision growth we see hundreds of new residents who are paying almost nothing to support the property taxes which in turn support schools, roads, emergency services, DNR, police & fire.

Our request is that you consider the future of our beautiful area by limiting the explosive growth of RV Subdivisions, cap the Limits of this growth by managing the size & density of

these parks. Work to INCREASE the tax structure so that their financial contributions support the population increases created by RV subdivisions.

We implore you to not create the future Wisconsin "RV Wonderland" in Burnett County....rather manage & control the growth with size & density limits. Consider NO greater than 75 units, and implement a plan to manage the density/location of these properties.

Thank you for your service & strong consideration,

Judy & Rich Rheault

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Terry Bryant <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 25, 2022 12:37 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Stop! Look! Listen!

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Stop! Look! Listen!

When did you first hear those words? Probably on your first day of kindergarten! But they represent sage advice that can apply to a host of situations...like the one facing us today. As you consider, yet again, the issue of campground size and density in Burnett County, I respectfully ask that you take a moment and:

**STOP!**

Consider how rapidly the campground issue changed in recent years and the trajectory it appears headed going forward IF we don't establish some guidelines to insure that Burnett County remains a rural community surrounded by beautiful, precious, non-renewable natural resources. As far as I know, none of us have a crystal ball or can predict the future so we have to do our best to establish a strong, secure and responsible foundation that will protect the citizens who call this county home AND, at the same time, protect the natural resources that attracted many of them to the county.

**LOOK!**

Look what's happening to the county with respect to the large number of campgrounds already in place. What's the experience of the year-round homeowners who live near those campgrounds? What's happening to the natural resources close-by those campgrounds? What can we learn today so that we don't do irreversible harm in the future?

**LISTEN!**

Listen to all of your constituents...including those who live here year-round, who vote, who pay the highest property taxes, support the schools, shop on a daily basis, attend the local fundraisers, cheer at the football games, who buy the girl scout cookies, etc.

Then...carefully consider the following:

\*Protect and Preserve the quiet rural life so many of us specifically **CHOSE!**

\*Reduce the density standard to a level more compatible and equitable with other lot size and subdivision

rules across the County which would be a limit of 2 - 3 units per acre as a base line.

- \*Cap the number of units per facility at 100 or less.
- \*Remove campgrounds as a conditional use in the RR-3 Zoning District.
- \*Find an equitable way for campground operators to pay their fair share for County services.

We need REAL limits on campgrounds that establish a manageable foundation that safely and responsibly guides this County into the future. If operators want to request exceptions to those baseline limits, establish a process to do so that allows the County the opportunity to evaluate the request within the context of current situation...instead of trying to guess today what's best for tomorrow. And at least in THIS County, revisit the definition of "campground!" They shouldn't be disguises for mobile home parks!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Ruth Olson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 25, 2022 1:29 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear Members of the Land Use & Information Committee:

We are writing to express our support for setting limits on the number of camping units in campgrounds in Burnett County. We definitely feel there should be no more than 100 camping units in a facility in the RR-RC commercial zone, and certainly no more than 2 or 3 camping units per acre. Campgrounds should not exist in RR3 or residential zoning areas.

We appreciate the creation of the new RR-RC commercial zones, which seems to allow for a compatible relationship between local businesses and campers. But to keep the camping experience peaceful and meaningful, it makes sense to limit the number of units in a campground rather than just warehousing a bunch of RVs in one spot.

As a descendent from a third-generation farm in Burnett County, it was natural for me and my husband to buy a lake property near my childhood home so I could keep up family and friend connections and appreciate the beautiful environment of northwestern Wisconsin. Last year, we were both distressed when we learned of plans to create a 180-unit RV park almost directly across the road from us. We deeply appreciated the thoughtful response of the Land Use & Information Committee when they considered and denied that permit.

It would be too easy to lose the natural beauty and resources—especially our waterways—that we have in Burnett County. We need to keep developers from overwhelming longtime residents with campgrounds that potentially put resource pressure on townships. We need a balance of activities to respect the rights of landowners, preserve agricultural land, encourage sustainable and appropriate businesses, and allow campers to enjoy a more natural, quiet and sanitary environment.

We value the updated regulations that have been put in place. They can help balance economics, the environment, land use and tax payers' rights. But please—amend the existing

ordinance to limit the number of camping units per acre and put a cap of 100 (or even fewer) units per facility. And guard our residential and agricultural zoning from campgrounds that burden residents and townships.

Ruth Olson and Mark Wagler  
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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Wendy Kosloski <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Hello,

My name is Wendy Kosloski.

My husband and I have lived in the Siren township for 30 years.

The first thing I would like to say is that we are NOT opposed to growth in our area. We are concerned with what type of growth.

I do feel strongly that there needs to be wise decisions made in regards to these campgrounds. We have 54 acres and quite honestly we had thought about doing the exact same thing. We made the decision not to for our privacy reasons.

I believe strongly that there needs to be restrictions on this.

Please on behalf of the residents, our beautiful area, make wise choices in regards to this.

Thank you for your time,

Wendy and Ron Kosloski

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Merry Krautkramer <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Hi,

My husband and I moved to rural Danbury eight years ago when we retired. We love Burnett County! We live near a campground, it was already here when we bought our house. It's now called Lazy Bear Campground, it Used to be Voyager Campground. Last summer it was doubled in size. Both my husband and I feel that the size of campgrounds should be limited to less than 100 sites, even that size takes the "country" out of the country. We also believe that there are enough campgrounds in Burnett County already.

We are directly impacted by increased traffic, including four wheelers on County Road C. It's a hilly road and people speed, we have to be very careful pulling onto C from our driveway.

We are all so lucky to live in this beautiful area, please don't ruin it for us year round residents.

Merry and Jim Krautkramer

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Patricia Inman <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Thank you for your thoughtful action on this issue.

These "campgrounds" are not what was envisioned when the initial campground ordinance was composed.

The seasonal RV campgrounds involve yearly leases for vehicles that have their wheels removed and require a permit for oversize vehicles to be moved. While campers are normally limited to a certain number of nights before required departure, these structures are semi-permanent and could remain in place for years. The footprint of the vehicle increases exponentially as sheds, porches, patios and sunrooms are added and impervious surfaces create dangerous runoff. Campground waste estimations were originally based on 30 gal./day. Current RV models house toilets, washing machines, showers producing more toxic runoff. The North Carolina Department of Human Services estimates RV park model vehicles produce 165 gal./ day. Historically, park model RVs were developed for southern climes when retirees migrated South for the winter. The intent was to provide opportunities for extended outside activity while providing a semi-permanent structure. This is not what was intended when Wisconsin considered campground guidelines.

These parks much more resemble subdivisions and should be zoned as such. RV model campgrounds need to be zoned for what they are and not be considered as a conditional use for RR-3 Districts. Campgrounds should not be allowed in residential areas period.

Thank you.

Patricia Inman

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Daniel Wills <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Please give some consideration to the availability of a functional internet service with this kind of density. Even now, we seldom have ANY reliable signal service on the weekends. What is going to happen to our electrical grid? Can the developers support a safe sewer and water supply???. Please lower the density to avoid additional stress on our lakes and roads. Please limit campsites to 2 per acre or less. These developers will be long gone with their money and we all will pay for the repercussions Thanks for reading.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Katie & Danny Queenan <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 25, 2022 5:50 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Hello!

Thank you serving our community in your position and thank you for reading this letter.

I have spent the past 50 years enjoying Webb Lake. It is a special place where a lifetime of memories have been created. I learned to swim, waterski and fish on this lake and my children have done the same.

Recently however, the environment has changed. What used to be a calm and peaceful lake has started to feel like a destination for crowds. Development of campgrounds threatens the very essence of "escaping to the Northwoods".

Please consider reducing the density standard. 2-3 units per acre would keep the woods feeling like woods. In addition, please minimize the number of campsites within the RR-RC zones. The reason we all want to spend time in Burnett County is to escape the crowds- not build another!

Finally, please remove campgrounds as a conditional use in the RR-3 zoning district. Property values depend on this - and ultimately that determines your tax revenue. High property values are essential for public services and they lead to stronger communities.

Please keep in mind that we have a common goal, in the Burnett County 2030 comprehensive plan, housing should "maintain the attractiveness and rural character of the county". RV sites are in direct opposition to this.

Thank you for your help!!

Best,

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Larry Lundberg <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

My wife and I have owned a cabin on Hayden Lake Road in Danbury for over 18 years. We love the area and the people in Burnett County, and we feel very much a part of the community. In addition to paying our fair share of taxes, we also patronize the local establishments and shop and buy locally whenever possible. We have made many friends and built great relationships with many of the businesses owners in the area. Danbury has really been our home away from home and is now becoming our main residence. That being said, we have noticed a few in the past couple of years regarding more people, more campsites, and greater density in the area. I sincerely believe this will lead to over crowding and over use of the current rustic roads and trails.

For this reason we are asking you, our commissioners to please limit the following regarding further development:

Limit density of campsites to 2 to 3 unit max per acre.

Create a campsite cap of no more than 100 camping units.

Protect all Residential Zoned land from being used for campsites.

Thank you in advance for all your hard work and efforts to keep Burnett County a beautiful and pristine area.

Regards

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** John Boehm <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Dear Representative,

As a property owner for the last 11 years, I respectfully ask you to support the following:

- \* No more than 2-3 RVs per acre
- \* A cap of 50-100 or fewer "camping units" per RV Subdivision
- \* No "campgrounds" in the RR-3 zoning district
- \* Spacing new "campgrounds" at least 1-2 miles from existing facilities
- \* Town approval of any new or expanded facility of 50+ "camping units"

Please protect Burnett County from being overrun by RV's that do not pay the same property taxes that others that pay for the privilege to enjoy this great part of the country.

Respectfully,

John Boehm

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** robert kyle <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 26, 2022 2:28 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

After seeing the property tax comparison, I am not at all happy.

I and my bride live across the road from Devils Lake (so-called "Campground") property, where they pay \$6411.24 in annual property taxes on a 40 acre field full of 149 occupants, and on my house I pay \$2979.47, just short of half the amount, with my beautiful wife and I, 2 occupants, two cars.

So: That is half as much annual taxation in order to pay for roads, fire, police, and all other amenities provided by local government by us two occupants. Now if you cut the 149 occupants across the road in half, in proportion of taxes paid, that would be 74 1/2 occupants for the same taxation rate.

I just do not believe the current situation is fair.

Do our two cars use the roads as much as 74 and a half do? Is our property, rather new, built to code, as subject to a fire as much as 74 and a half properties???

Are these two retired, in our eighties residents liable to require a whole lot of police action in order to stop the trouble they enact??

We are not against growth, we do believe the cost of providing all needed services in order to provide for that increased need be spread equitably among all users.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** DENNIS IRELAND <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 26, 2022 8:43 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

If you control and limit RV facilities then they are OK. From my limited perspective I see no economical support for the community. They dilute services that our taxes pay for. So please consider:

RV Density Limit: of 2-3 camping units per acre or lower.

Campsite Cap: a cap of no more than 100 camping units per facility and 20 in the new RR-RC commercial zone.

No campgrounds allowed in RR-3 or any other residential zoning districts.

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Thomas & Elaine Ferron <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

Campground Work Group Members:

Our property has been in our family's hands since 1940. We recently built a new home on this property after leaving the Twin Cities. We are discouraged by the influx of camp ground developers trying to turn our beloved county into a playground; with lands not taxed to the level we are for our properties. Campgrounds need to be limited in scope and quantity. Fewer camp sites per acre, restitution to county taxpayers for both damages and use of resources, increased oversight by owners, rules & regulation enforcement, and most important the balance of our rural farmland, forests and lakes need your protection. We were shocked to see the tax rates these campgrounds pay for the cost and detriment to our rural way of life. Too many campers are not at all temporary looking. They leave their homestead for all year and it's all laying about their campsite for the rest of us to see... boats, ATV's, decks, lighting, bikes and more. If they cannot hook up and leave in a couple hours this is not camping; this is residency without the taxes. Some of these campground tax rates do not even cover the police & fire calls cost to us taxpayers... let alone the distress to the lands they occupy. Preserve Burnett County has voiced repeatedly what we the taxpayers expect in due diligence. Please add our names and consider their request with vigor. We would suggest NO new campgrounds at this juncture.

Thomas & Elaine Ferron

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** John Anderson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

I have been traveling to Burnett County since I was a child in the 1940's. In 1986 I bought a vacation home in Wood River Township, and I feel invested in the development and success of the area.

I have been following the debate about campground developments and I would urge those in leadership positions to limit the size and density of any new proposals. Quiet enjoyment of the natural surroundings has been a hallmark of the past, and limitation on future development should ensure that standard is maintained. Densely planned sites, large communities, and compact development in or near residentially zoned areas must be avoided.

I encourage everyone to focus on the long term so that today's decisions do not lead to overbuilding and declining enjoyment in the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** James R Cook <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

My wife and I are residents of Burnett County. We have become very concerned about the number of campground facilities and RV facilities that are now in Burnett County. These facilities put a high density of people per acre in the area and that density puts an increased burden on the environment of the County. I do lake water quality testing for the Wisconsin DNR through their Citizens Lake Monitoring Program and am very concerned about the impact that the number and transient nature of these facilities can have on our lakes. I am especially concerned about the introduction of invasive species. Especially Zebra Mussels, which are now in McKenzie and Middle McKenzie Lakes, and the St. Croix. Once the Zebra Mussel has entered a lake, it cannot be removed, and its effects are devastating. Large numbers of watercraft that are transient and may have been on lakes contaminated with these invasive species greatly increase the chances of contamination of Burnett County's lakes. Please limit the expansion of campgrounds and RV facilities in Burnett County. And there should be NO campgrounds or RV facilities permitted on any residential zoned land - RR1, RR2 or RR3.

James R Cook  
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Webster, Wisconsin 54893



## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Patrick Hansen <protectbigwoodlake@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2022 9:31 AM  
**To:** Blomberg, Brent; Awe, Charles; Anderson, Chuck; Bickford, Norm; Conroy, Craig; James Pearson; Paden, Jim  
**Cc:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on 4/5 Agenda Item #6: #TXT-22-01  
**Attachments:** Hansen-March2022-Letter-to-LUIC.pdf

Burnett County Land Use & Information Committee -

Please see the attached written comments regarding Text Amendment #TXT-22-01 (April 2022 Agenda Item #6). This letter represents my personal opinion.

**I am asking the committee to enact stronger limits on seasonal “campgrounds” in the RR-RC zoning district, with a cap of fifty (50) units and a density of two (2) units per acre.**

### **Feedback on the Proposed Density Rule**

The proposed limit of five (5) units per acre suggested in #TXT-22-01 is much too high, even when compared to some of the most densely developed shoreland areas of the county.

*I ask that you impose a limit of no more than two (2) units per acre for new and expanding “campgrounds” in Burnett County.*

### **Feedback on the Proposed Cap**

The five largest seasonal “campgrounds” in Burnett County pay, on average, just \$55.17 in local property and sales tax annually per “campsite”. A typical apartment complex owner in Burnett County pays about ten (10) times as much per unit; I and my family personally contribute over seventy (70) times as much.

Until this tax system is made more equitable, the County must act to preserve the health, safety and economic welfare of its residents by imposing a cap on seasonal campgrounds at a limit much lower than the proposed 150 units in the current draft of #TXT-22-01.

*I ask that you impose a cap of fifty (50) units on new “campgrounds” in Burnett County.*

My attached letter contains arguments and evidence in support of these changes. Thank you, as always, for your service to Burnett County and your careful consideration of these issues.

Sincerely,

Patrick R. Hansen

Cc: Jason Towne, Land Services Director

March 27, 2022

To: Land Use & Information Committee  
c/o Jason Towne  
7410 County Road K #120  
Siren, WI 54872  
RE: TEXT AMENDMENT #TXT-22-01 (April 2022 Agenda Item #6)

Dear Members of the Land Use & Information Committee,

**Please enact stronger limits on seasonal “campgrounds” in the RR-RC zoning district, with a cap of fifty (50) units and a density of two (2) units per acre.**

Thank you for the time, effort, and consideration you have put into #TXT-22-01. I have spent a good part of these past 3+ years working to raise awareness of the negative impacts of massive RV Subdivisions on Burnett County. My hope from the outset has been to preserve the rural character of our area so that Burnett County would continue to be a great place to live, work, raise a family and retire.

Thousands of residents and property owners have come together as “Preserve Burnett County” to express these same hopes. I have met many fantastic people, including the members of this committee, in the course of this community effort. I am thankful for all these new friends and acquaintances. I am writing this particular letter not as a spokesperson for the larger group, but on behalf of myself and my family.

Our seasonal home, where we plan to retire, is a modest two-bedroom dwelling on 0.43 acres. The parcels east and west of us are 0.33 and 0.45 acres, respectively. There are single-family homes on each of these adjoining parcels. These three parcels are located in a fully-developed shoreland area, with an average of 2.5 dwellings per acre. To be reasonably compatible with our rural residential area, a seasonal “campground” would have to be 2-3 “campsites” per acre. **The proposed limit of five (5) units per acre suggested in #TXT-22-01 is much too high, even when compared to some of the most densely developed shoreland areas of the county.** I ask that you impose a limit of no more than two (2) units per acre for new and expanding “campgrounds” in Burnett County.

Now, let’s take a look at local and County property taxes. My family currently pays \$4,025.52 in local and County property taxes every year for our seasonal residence. The county portion of this tax bill increased by 25.7% from 2020 to 2021. It is appalling to me that the five largest seasonal “campgrounds” in Burnett County pay, on average, just \$55.17 in local property and sales tax annually per “campsite” (see table on the next page).

You might argue that seasonal RV Subdivisions are a form of affordable housing, so let’s compare them to *real* affordable housing: an apartment complex. The Barr Apartments in the

Village of Siren at 23914-23916 WI-35 have 24 basic units in a high-density, two-story complex. The Barr Apartment owners pay a total of \$12,248.33 in local and County property taxes annually for the two parcels where their units are located, or \$510.34 per unit.

A typical apartment complex owner might pay ten (10) times as much as a typical camping unit owner in the largest seasonal campgrounds towards roads, schools, police, fire, EMS, and other emergency services. I and my family personally contribute over seventy (70) times as much. Even assuming that seasonal residents in RV Subdivisions consume no more services than my family or a family living in an apartment building, it is clear that campground operators and their seasonal residents are not paying their fair share. Not even close.

Until this tax system is made more equitable by imposing appropriate licensing and usage or lodging fees to “campgrounds”, the County must act to preserve the health, safety and economic welfare of its residents by imposing a cap on seasonal campgrounds at a limit much lower than the proposed 150 units in the current draft of #TXT-22-01. The current median “campground” size in Burnett County is fifty (50) units. A 50-unit cap, possibly allowing further expansion of up to 100 units subject to Town approval, is extremely reasonable. **A 50-unit cap is generous given the negative economic impact of each incremental camping unit, on the whole, to the County and our current residents.**

Facility	# Sites*	Total Property Tax Bill**	Property Tax per Site	County Sales Tax Per Site***	Total Local Tax Per Site
Devil's Lake	159	\$6,411.24	\$40.32	\$12.75	\$53.07
Dufours	144	\$6,872.71	\$47.73	\$12.75	\$60.48
Oak Ridge	135	\$6,165.50	\$45.67	\$14.75	\$60.42
Webb Lake	115	\$6,350.00	\$55.22	\$20.25	\$75.47
Pardun's	100	\$1,441.69	\$14.42	\$6.00	\$20.42
		<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>\$41.72</b>	<b>\$13.45</b>	<b>\$55.17</b>

*\*Number of sites shown here are per information compiled by the Burnet County Land Services Department and presented to the County Work Group on Campgrounds.*

*\*\*Property taxes shown here are per County records for the parcel where “camping” and mobile home units are located. This may exclude bar / restaurant structures and other amenities, if they are located on a separate parcel.*

*\*\*\*The County portion of sales tax is 0.5% of gross receipts. The sales tax per unit is estimated from published seasonal rates, which may or may not include fees for electric and septic connections.*

**Let me be candid: I would like to be *done*.** Rather than fighting more battles over “campgrounds” (aka “RV Subdivisions” or more accurately “trailer parks”), I would rather sleep well at night knowing that no one could wake up to the unwelcome surprise of having 500 new neighbors appear practically overnight in a 150-unit seasonal RV Subdivision simply because a couple Town board members and a few well-intentioned County Supervisors thought

a zoning change or conditional use permit allowing a new or expanded “campground” was “no big deal”.

*Anyone now having the misfortune of living next to a massive RV Subdivision in Burnett County will tell you: it's a very big deal.*

In summary, here's what it would take for all of us to sleep much better at night. The following rules for seasonal “campgrounds” in the new RR-RC zoning district would prevent most future projects from causing controversy:

- A density of no more than two (2) RVs or Park Model units per acre, which would make seasonal “campgrounds” more compatible with other residential uses.
- A cap of no more than fifty (50) RVs or Park Model units per facility, with anything larger requiring Town approval up to a maximum of one hundred (100) units per facility.
- A separation of at least two (2) miles between any existing campground and a proposed new facility.

I also believe that the County should go further with its ordinances and the conditions attached to seasonal “campground” Conditional Use Permits (CUPs) to require setbacks and screening to separate these facilities from other adjoining and nearby uses.

Thank you, as always, for your service to Burnett County and your careful consideration of these issues.

Sincerely,



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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Michael Hershberger <michael@hershgroup.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2022 12:18 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason; Ehalt, Nathan  
**Cc:** Steve Austin; Anders Helquist  
**Subject:** Objection to Additional Laws targeting campgrounds

March 28, 2022

**To:** Jason Towne [jtowne@burnettcounty.org](mailto:jtowne@burnettcounty.org)  
Nate Ehalt [nehalt@burnettcounty.org](mailto:nehalt@burnettcounty.org)

I am Michael Hershberger and I am an owner (along with Steve Austin) of the Webb Lake Resort and the Lazy Bear Campground in Burnett County. Both are seasonal campgrounds.

We have established stringent rules that each camper must follow and are subject to a conditional use permit with many restrictions.

We understand that Burnett County Wisconsin is voting on April 5th on more restrictions for campgrounds and campers. We believe that the county already has some of the most restrictive and punitive rules for campgrounds in the State of Wisconsin. We strongly oppose further unnecessary laws targeted only towards campers and campground owners, especially those that would limit our campers access to the Burnett County and State of Wisconsin's natural resources. We believe that you are unfairly targeting seasonal campers and seasonal campground owners.

The new laws targeting campers that may be voted on are severe and place unfair restrictions on number of units at the campground, unrealistically tough restrictions on the size of sheds & decks, hard cap on number of sites in a campground, minimum distance campgrounds have to be from each other, among others. We believe that there is also discussion at the government level of imposing extra mandatory fees on each camper. These costs will likely eventually get passed on to the campers.

We believe that we are the silent majority, and a small minority of wealthy cabin owners are claiming that the lakes and natural resources belong to them.

Please keep the Burnett County and State of Wisconsin's natural resources open to all and not single out campers as the culprits.

We appreciate your hard work.

Sincerely:

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Dave OConnor <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2022 12:22 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

I am writing this letter in response to the significant increase in the number of RV sites that have become available in Burnett County. Please look into keeping this opportunity available to campers who are currently unable to afford to purchase property, for their own outdoor recreational activities. However, more oversight and responsibility for maintaining our outdoor resources, must be established to protect these resources, and the government agencies that manage them (DNR, police, fire, etc.).

Thanks for your thoughtful consideration!

Sincerely,

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Krause, Jerry <jkrause@hamline.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2022 12:35 PM  
**To:** Blomberg, Brent; Awe, Charles; Anderson, Chuck; Bickford, Norm; Conroy, Craig; James Pearson; Paden, Jim  
**Cc:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** April 2, 2022 Agenda Item #6: #TXT-22-01  
**Attachments:** Letter to LUIC - TXT 22-01 Proposed RV Campgrounds Amendments Mar 2022.pdf; Poster Board — RV Subdivision Corridor (March 2022).pdf

Dear Members of the Land Use & Information Committee,

I have attached a letter concerning the TXT-22-01 Amendments being discussed at the next LUIC meeting. I have also attached a copy of a poster board, the content of which I expect to be covering again during the meeting's general comments period. In the interim, I am happy to clarify or answer any questions you might have concerning the enclosures.

Look forward to seeing you next week,

Jerry

**Jerry Krause**

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March 28, 2022

Members of Land Use & Information Committee  
Burnett County Government Center  
7410 County Road K, # 120  
Siren, WI 54872

Dear Committee Members,

I am in receipt of Patrick Hansen's letter sent to you earlier today. I am in complete agreement with his letter and therefore wish to avoid reciting it verbatim. One area I'd like to more fully address is a **proximity rule** which was the focus of my public comments at last month's meeting of the Land Use & Information Committee. I've included below parts of my letter February 28, 2022, to you and have attached a copy of a poster board encompassing a 10-square-mile corridor along Highway 35, between Webster and Danbury.

Subjecting tax-paying residents who live in or near this corridor (our seasonal cottage is 1½ miles from its easterly boundary in the Town of Oakland) to new RV Subdivisions, or expanded existing ones, is an unacceptable risk—a risk greatly minimized with a proximity rule. This corridor is not alone. Without a proximity rule, other areas with a high concentration of existing RV Subdivisions run the risk of further saturation by undesirable fiscal and quality of life impacts—Clam Lake, Webb Lake, and the McKenzie/Benoit Lake area.

I'm aware that there may be some reticence by the LUIC to include a proximity rule amendment. However, it is my understanding that the county's corporation legal counsel believes that such a rule would be constitutionally sound. Moreover, if such a rule results in "unintended consequences" (e.g., the LUIC is inundated with requests for new RV Subdivisions triggered by such a rule), the LUIC could revisit such a rule at a future date.

Like the modest textual changes of other proposed Chapter 30 & 45 amendments under consideration, the following 2-mile proximity rule could be easily incorporated as a new clause (d) on page 78, line 11 of the "txt-22-01 proposed campground changes for the 4/5/2022 meeting" document:

***Any campground, or the expansion of any campground, shall be at least 10,560 feet from any other existing campground with more than 25 units or any existing campground of any unit size in an RR-RC district.***



As I mentioned last month, a proximity rule is an integral part of any ordinance amendments under consideration. This 10-square-mile corridor is already densely-packed with seven RV “campground” Subdivisions. A proximity rule with only a 1-mile radius would not prevent further expansion by any of these RV Subdivisions. Also, without a proximity rule, other areas with a high concentration of existing RV Subdivisions run the risk of further saturation by undesirable fiscal and quality of life impacts—Clam Lake, Webb Lake, and the McKenzie/Benoit Lake area.

Aspects of RV Subdivisions in this corridor, some of which illustrated on the attached poster board, include:

- **On less than 2% of its non-public land, this small corridor contains 40% of the county’s total RV sites (688 of 1,672 sites).**
- Without a 2-mile proximity rule, merely expanding the existing RV Subdivisions with a 150-unit maximum cap has the potential to balloon the number of RV sites in this corridor to **1,059 units**.
- Even using a 100-unit maximum cap, the number of RV sites within existing RV Subdivisions could climb to **843 units**.
- Without a 2-mile proximity rule, this corridor runs the very real risk of multiple new RV Subdivisions. Even a small handful of them, with a maximum cap of 150 (or even 100 units) could **easily dwarf** the already over-the-top density.

Requiring town approval for RR-RC rezoning may mitigate the potential of even greater density within this corridor. But as I have previously expressed, this strategy hinges on but two votes at a town board meeting. Moreover, my understanding is that in the shoreland zoning district a town’s position—as it is advisory only—is severely blunted.

One might reasonably expect that any number of new RV Subdivisions within this corridor could be proposed within a shoreland district. Five of the corridor’s existing RV Subdivisions are within this district. Notwithstanding extremely strong public opposition, the LUIC has only very recently approved the expansion of existing facilities within the shoreland district (the former Houman’s on Gull Lake in 2020, and the former Rosenthal’s on Webb Lake in 2021). Thus, past experience suggests that areas with collections of high-density RV Subdivisions—this corridor, Clam Lake, Webb Lake, and the McKenzie/Benoit Lake area—are destined to be inundated with even more RV sites. Allowing more RV sites in these areas suggests that they should bear the brunt of development that is supported by virtually no member of the tax-paying public. Any proposed ordinance amendments on density and maximum caps, without a proximity rule, does virtually nothing to stem this tide.

Also, I question whether the LUIC under ACT 67, or otherwise, could deny a proposed new RV “campground” Subdivision near an existing campground simply because it “believed” that the proposal was an existing campground owner trying to circumvent a hard cap on campground size (under the guise of an LLC or by using a third party as a “stalking horse”). I’m uncertain how the LUIC could meaningfully undertake such ownership due diligence, whether it would have the resources to do so, and what degree of affinity to an existing owner could constitute a basis for denial. In addition, without a proximity rule, nothing would prevent a true, bona-fide third

party from obtaining an RV campground C.U.P. and immediately transferring ownership, together with development and operating rights, to an existing nearby (even an immediately adjacent) RV campground owner. Such a transfer would again negate any attempt by the LUIC to meaningfully impose a hard cap on RV campground size.

In refining its “campground” ordinances, the LUIC has a once-in-a-generation opportunity to address one of the most pressing land use issues ever experienced by Burnett County. The framework it creates today will likely impact our communities for generations that follow.

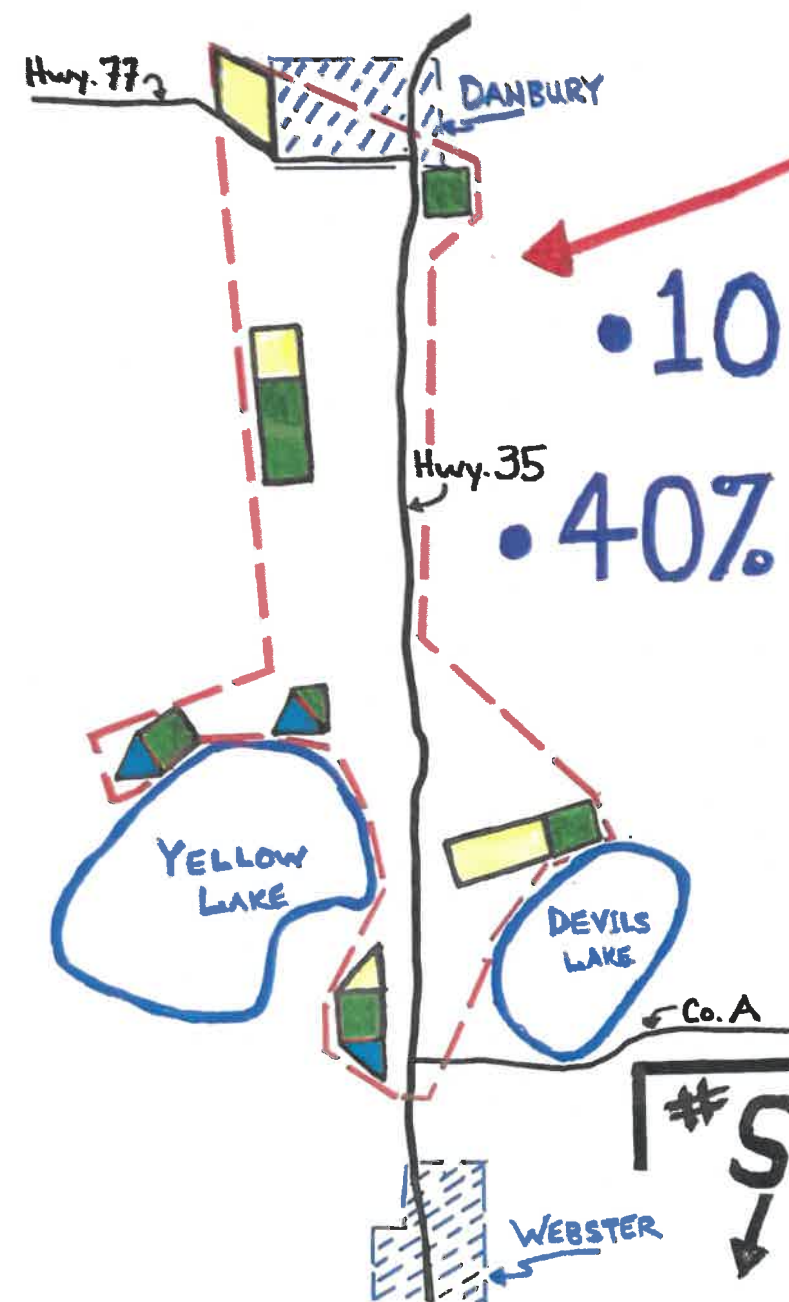
Thank you in advance for your careful consideration of the foregoing. And thank you also for your commitment to improve the quality of life for those who hold Burnett County dear to them.

Sincerely,

Jerry Krause

cc: Jason Towne

# RV Subdivision Corridor



• 10 SQ. MILES

• 40% OF CO'S SITES

W/O  
PROXIMITY  
RULE

# SITES

20-YR. HISTORY

FUTURE  
RISK

EXISTING LOCATIONS ONLY:

1999	2013	2019	100 CAP	150 CAP
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319	404	688	843	1,059
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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Ellen Abbott <ellen.abbott@mnadr.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2022 1:19 PM  
**To:** Blomberg, Brent; Paden, Jim; Awe, Charles; Anderson, Chuck; Bickford, Norm; cbdistrict15@gurnettcounty.org; Conroy, Craig  
**Cc:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Campground Amendment TXT-22-01

Dear Land Use & Information Committee Members,

I am very concerned about the future of Burnett County as it relates to the explosion of new RV camp sites in the county.

Please recommend to the Board of Supervisors the following limits on seasonal RV “campgrounds” in the RR-RC zoning district:

- a cap of **50 camping units**
- a density of **2 camping units per acre**
- a **2-mile separation between** an existing campground and any new one

Thank you for your consideration of the foregoing at the upcoming public hearing on amendments to Chapter 30 and 45 ordinances.

Ellen A. Abbott  
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612-425-8911

cc: Mr. Jason Towne

**Towne, Jason**

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**From:** Paul Hommes <PHommes@MarksmanMetals.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 9:48 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Imposing unnecessary rules and regulations

We are a seasonal camper at Oak Ridge Campground. We are good citizens and follow the numerous camping rules at our campground. We enjoy the natural resources of Burnett County and the State of Wisconsin and believe that we are good stewards of the environment. We spend money locally when we are able.

We understand that Burnett County Wisconsin is voting on April 5th on more restrictions for campgrounds and campers. We believe that the county already has some of the most restrictive and punitive rules for campgrounds in the State of Wisconsin. We strongly oppose further unnecessary laws targeted only towards campers, especially those that would limit our access to the Burnett County and State of Wisconsin's natural resources.

The new laws targeting campers that may be voted on are severe and place unfair restrictions on number of units at the campground, unrealistically tough restrictions on the size of sheds & decks, hard cap on number of sites in a campground, minimum distance campgrounds have to be from each other, among others. We believe that there is also discussion at the government level of imposing extra mandatory fees on each camper. These costs will likely eventually get passed on to the campers.

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Please keep the Burnett County and State of Wisconsin's natural resources open to all and not single out campers as the culprits.

We appreciate your hard work.

Sincerely:

Name Paul & Molly Hommes

Address campsite #29

**Camping and playing in Burnett County  
since 2003**

Email phommes21@msn.com

Phone Number

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*Oak Ridge Inn & Campground*

## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Tom W Wolf <tomwwolf@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 10:24 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason; Ehalt, Nathan  
**Subject:** Proposed Campground Changes

We are seasonal campers at Oak Ridge Campground for over 5 years. My wife and I were born in Wisconsin and have lived most of our lives in Wisconsin, and we enjoy camping. Over my lifetime I have seen almost all of the private campgrounds and resorts in Wisconsin disappear, and it has been a loss to the people of Wisconsin (and other states) in that those campgrounds and resorts have (in the past) enabled \*all\* the people to enjoy the lakes and forests of Wisconsin.

I have been very happy with Oakridge Campground, and believe Steve and Julie should be commended for their personal support, commitment to the campground. Campgrounds are not easy to own / run, there are easier ways to make money, and we personally are grateful that Steve and Julie have invested in the campground with new plumbing and utilities.

We do not use the trails, but we do use the lake and believe it should be accessible to all. We donate money to the lake stocking activities, and when we fish we catch and release. We treat access to these resources with respect and responsibility,

We are at the camper roughly 60-70 days in the summer, and support a number of businesses in the area every day we are there. We support burnett county tangibly every weekend of the summer. This could be contrasted with the cabins on the lake where other than the holiday weekends, more than half are vacant on a typical weekend.

We understand that Burnett County Wisconsin is voting on April 5th on more restrictions for campgrounds and campers. We strongly oppose further unnecessary laws targeted only towards campers, especially those that would limit our access to the Burnett County and State of Wisconsin's natural resources.

The new laws targeting campers that may be voted on are severe and place unfair restrictions on number of units at the campground, unrealistically tough restrictions on the size of sheds & decks, hard cap on number of sites in a campground, minimum distance campgrounds have to be from each other, among others. We believe that there is also discussion at the government level of imposing extra mandatory fees on each camper. These costs will be passed on to the campers.

Ultimately changes like these proposed changes have been one of driving factors that have killed off most private campgrounds in Wisconsin over the last 50 years, and it would be very disappointing for Burnett County to do this to satisfy a small number of cabin owners.

tom and kathi wolf

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**Towne, Jason**

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**From:** Ross Michael, PE42, BMIN <mike.ross@buhlergroup.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 10:38 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Cc:** Ehalt, Nathan  
**Subject:** Burnett County Campground Changes

Dear Jason,

My wife and I currently have a seasonal camp site at Oak Ridge Campground. We enjoy the area very much and are members of the Webb Lake Association. We both believe we have a responsibility to be good stewards of our lakes and resources and we also try to support the local economy. I personally have family connections to the area which go back to the early 1940s. In our latest Lake Association meeting, I was very surprised to hear the anti-campground sentiment. I was even more surprised to find that the people who were the loudest didn't even live in the area, but were cabin owners from the Twin Cities. I wondered how they are any different from me.

I have heard that there are proposed changes which target campers and even about who is allowed to use the lakes. I have also heard that there is an upcoming meeting about this next week. With all the changes and growth in the area over the last few years, it would be understandable that some changes may come, but I would like to know the facts about what is being proposed. Is there documentation available or a web link you could point me to with information?

Thanks in advance.

Sincerely,

Michael Ross

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## **Towne, Jason**

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**From:** Robert.Lund@gd-ms.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 10:59 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Burnett County Campground Changes  
**Attachments:** Burnett County Campground Changes

Please see the attached letter.

**Towne, Jason**

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**To:** jtowne@burnettcounty.org ,nehalt@burnettcounty.org  
**Subject:** Burnett County Campground Changes

March 29, 2022

To: Jason Towne and Nate Ehalt

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Please keep the Burnett County and State of Wisconsin's natural resources open to all and not single out campers as the culprits.

We appreciate your hard work.

Sincerely:

Robert Lund

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Steve Burkinshaw <webblaketavern@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 11:10 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason; Ehalt, Nathan  
**Subject:** The Vote to create more restrictions and fees and rules on campgrounds

As new business owners and long time residents of Burnett County we oppose this motion.

My wife and I own Webb Lake Tavern, a flourishing restaurant and bar once known as Rosenthals. Much of our business comes from campgrounds in Burnett County. The campgrounds are full of families that enjoy our ATV trails, snowmobile trails, hunting and fishing, and all that our great county offers. We believe and have seen local service based businesses flourishing due to the growth in these campgrounds.

Adding restrictions and more rules and regulations will only send some of these people packing to other more tourism driven counties. We need to support and promote campground growth so those who can't find or buy a place can still come and enjoy our county. In fact many of the people buying land and lake places start out in these campgrounds and fall in love with the area and move or buy weekend permanent properties.

As business owners the growth of the area is key to our success. The more people that move here makes it easier to find help and want to stay and run our businesses. We NEED more population to fill these jobs!

So please tread softly in making any decisions that will affect growth. We truly depend on continued growth.

## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Jamie Hole <easton612@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 11:18 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason; Ehalt, Nathan  
**Cc:** Jamie Hole

March 29, 2022

We are a seasonal campers at Oak Ridge Campground. We are good citizens and follow the numerous camping rules. We enjoy the natural resources of Burnett County and the State of Wisconsin and believe that we are good stewards of the environment. We spend money locally when we are able.

As an Emergency Room Nurse working in a stressful environment, Oak Ridge Campground means a lot to our family to relax and enjoy each other away from home and spending time with family and friends! We were seasonal prior with a campground in MN and just recently moved to Oak Ridge this last year! We have been so grateful for all the activities and kindness Burnett County has proven to us!

Please understand that we are families looking to get away for the weekends to enjoy family time and to decompress from stressful jobs or just to spend quality time together from a rushed world we are now living in. We grew up camping with our parents and those are some of the best memories we have in our childhood. I want to pass this along to my child.

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We appreciate your hard work.

Sincerely:

Kevin, Jamie & Easton Hole

Kevin & Jamie Hole

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Sent from my iPad

## Towne, Jason

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**From:** LeAnne Berglund <leann002@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 11:18 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason; Ehalt, Nathan  
**Subject:** Extremely concerned WI residents and seasonal campers

March 29, 2022

To: Jason Towne [jtowne@burnettcounty.org](mailto:jtowne@burnettcounty.org)  
Nate Ehalt [nehalt@burnettcounty.org](mailto:nehalt@burnettcounty.org)

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Sincerely:

Jeff and LeAnne

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## **Towne, Jason**

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**From:** wegotripn@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 11:18 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** We are not just campers

The imposed restrictions would be unfair to us as residents. We should be allowed the same as other cabin owners, land owners, business owners and residents of the same areas.

We are not just seasonal campers at Oak Ridge Campground. We are residents!

We are a retired couple. Past business owners. Hard working and respectful of others, our lands, and our laws.

We are good citizens and follow the numerous camping rules at our campground. We enjoy the natural resources of Burnett County and the State of Wisconsin and believe that we are good stewards of the environment. We spend money locally as this is our home.

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Thank you, Rhoni

## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Justin Lexvold <jlexvold@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 11:41 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Campground Restrictions

Hello Jason,

We are a seasonal camper at Oak Ridge Campground. We are good citizens and follow the numerous camping rules at our campground. We enjoy the natural resources of Burnett County and the State of Wisconsin and believe that we are good stewards of the environment. We spend money locally when we are able.

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Sincerely:

Justin Lexvold

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*Oak Ridge Inn & Campground*

## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Kenneth Lehner <kenneth.lehnermn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 12:09 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason; Ehalt, Nathan  
**Subject:** Laws targeting campers in Burnett County

March 31, 2022

To: Jason Towne [jtowne@burnettcounty.org](mailto:jtowne@burnettcounty.org)

Nate Ehalt [nehalt@burnettcounty.org](mailto:nehalt@burnettcounty.org)

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Sincerely:

Kenneth Lehner

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[Kenneth.LehnerMN@gmail.com](mailto:Kenneth.LehnerMN@gmail.com)

(651) 308-3581

## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Craig Hessenius <airstreamz@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 12:25 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** We are a seasonal camper at Lazy Bear Campground. We are good citizens and follow the numerous camping rules at our campground. We enjoy the natural resources of Burnett County and the State of Wisconsin and believe that we are good stewards of the...

Sent from my iPhone

## Towne, Jason

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**From:** kathyn smith <kathyn.k9training@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 12:43 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason; Ehalt, Nathan  
**Subject:** Vote NO

March 29, 2022

To: Jason Towne [jtowne@burnettcounty.org](mailto:jtowne@burnettcounty.org)

Nate Ehalt [nehalt@burnettcounty.org](mailto:nehalt@burnettcounty.org)

We are a seasonal camper at Webb Lake Resort. We are good citizens and follow the numerous camping rules at our campground. We enjoy the natural resources of Burnett County and the State of Wisconsin and believe that we are good stewards of the environment. We spend money locally when we are able.

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Sincerely:

Kathryn Smith  
2142 Belle Ln, Mounds View, MN 55112  
[Kathryn.k9training@gmail.com](mailto:Kathryn.k9training@gmail.com)  
763-780-0960



**Towne, Jason**

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**From:** Sandra V <valentos15151@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 1:31 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Burnett Co. Camping Restrictions

Greetings,

My name is Sandy Valento and I am a camper at Oak Ridge. I spend the majority of the season there, as I am employed by a global provider of cancer treatment services worldwide, and can work anywhere in the world. Why do I point this out? During the camping season, I spend my money in Burnett Co grocery stores, gas stations, bait shops, bars, and restaurants. My family members who visit me often, happily spend their money when visiting this area. You can add bakeries, gifts, and antique shops to the list I just shared. Your desire to place such harsh restrictions on campers here in Burnett Co feels targeted and discriminatory. It saddens me to think that only wealthy land and homeowners in Burnett Co are entitled to enjoy the trails, lakes, and beauty of the area.

In addition, these types of restrictions will have an impact on the business owners of Burnett Co. Even though I am a camper, I still have friends in the area. The last time I visited them, I had to make a stop at Wayne's to pick a few things up. There were no waiting lines. I stopped in at Webb Lake Tavern on Sunday - again, 3 of us were in the restaurant. If you impose these restrictions, campers can most certainly go elsewhere. When your constituents see a drop in their revenue, how do you justify that to them?

I understand that Burnett County Wisconsin is voting on April 5th to impose more restrictions on campgrounds and campers. I believe that the county already has some of the most restrictive and punitive rules for campgrounds in the State of Wisconsin. I

strongly oppose further unnecessary laws targeted only toward campers, especially those that would limit our access to the Burnett County and the State of Wisconsin's natural resources.

The new laws targeting campers that may be voted on are severe and place unfair restrictions on the number of units at the campground, unrealistically tough restrictions on the size of sheds & decks, a hard cap on the number of sites in a campground, as well as setting a minimum distance between campgrounds, among others. I believe that there is also a discussion at the government level about imposing extra mandatory fees on each camper. These costs will likely eventually get passed on to the campers.

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Sincerely:

Name: Sandra Valento

Address: 602 Grand Ave. E, Turtle Lake, WI 54889

Email: [valentos15151@gmail.com](mailto:valentos15151@gmail.com) / [sandy.valento@varian.com](mailto:sandy.valento@varian.com)

Phone Number: 715-641-1696

*Thanks,*



## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Pattie Gerr <gerr.pattie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 2:38 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason; Ehalt, Nathan  
**Subject:** Proposed campground changes

Dear zoning committee,

I would like to express an opinion on the proposed campground changes. I am a new to the seasonal campground community.

This is a choice we made based on what we could afford and the grounds itself. We purposely looked for a campground that did not have nightly campsite rentals.

I am not familiar with all the issues, but off the top, I googled cabins in burnett county for sale.

25% over \$500,000

33% over \$400,000

My initial thought based on what I have read, is this seems to be an issue driven by those who may not have made the choices I made and don't like my choice.

Natural resources are for everyone to enjoy, not just those that can afford a big house.

You may not agree with how others enjoy the land, water, and forests.

I am also a consumer that has already mindfully supported local businesses in the area.

I am looking forward to smelling the pine trees, listening to the sounds of nature, and being a responsible steward of the environment. I may not agree with the choices you have made and you may look at my choice as a "problem".

I urge you to understand the world is a big place and there is room for EVERYONE!

Thank you for your consideration.

P. Gerr

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## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Pamela Taylor <suegirl@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 3:31 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason; Ehalt, Nathan  
**Subject:** Help Stop Burnett County Campground Changes

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We appreciate your hard work.

Sincerely:

Patrick and Pamela Taylor

Sent from my iPad

## Towne, Jason

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**From:** joellen mathisen <joellenmathisen@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 4:11 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Campgrounds

Pleade stop the stupid actions against campgrounds!! How does it effect anyone that lives in a home ?? We should have just as many rights to use nature and land thats been designated for that as any land or space they use for their hobbies or free time???? What is a matter with this world or your county or you " leaders" if you bring harrasment, saddness, loss etc to us campers where we pay thevtaxes ans the fees to make memories with our families. What is wrong with you because of a few nasty people. I feel you should have to pay back all the money to all concerned that you have collected overbthe years in taxes, fees, and pay us for our campers, rvs, sheds and every other cost we have incurred!!!!

How sicknis that that you would go after campgrounds a fundamental hobby since we were all kids and generations before that!!!! You are discusting if you allow this to gobthru!!!!

JoEllen mathisen  
Oakridge inn camper

## Towne, Jason

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**From:** tammy cervenka <tlcerv@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 7:35 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason; Ehalt, Nathan  
**Subject:** Please hear us out.

March 29, 2022

To: Jason Towne [jtowne@burnettcounty.org](mailto:jtowne@burnettcounty.org)  
Nate Ehalt [nehalt@burnettcounty.org](mailto:nehalt@burnettcounty.org)

We are a seasonal camper at Oak Ridge Campground. Site#61. We are good citizens and follow the numerous camping rules at our campground. We enjoy the natural resources of Burnett County and the State of Wisconsin and believe that we are good stewards of the environment. We spend money locally on a regular basis and we are strong business supporters.

We understand that Burnett County Wisconsin is voting on April 5th on more restrictions for campgrounds and campers. We believe the county already has some of the most restrictive and punitive rules for campgrounds in the State of Wisconsin. We strongly oppose further unnecessary laws targeted only towards campers, especially those that would limit our access to the Burnett County and State of Wisconsin's natural resources.

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For many campers this is their way to escape the stress of daily life and make new friends and help other communities come together. I know there are many campers who would drop everything to help another in need and this would go for all the cabin owners around the lake also. If they ask for help, we're there to help.

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We appreciate your hard work.

Sincerely: Tammy and Rick Cervenka

Name: Tammy and Rick Cervenka  
Address: 8265 Dawson Court

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Phone Number: 612-616-1728



## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Cathy Anderson <andcd74@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 9:17 PM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Campground restrictions etc.

My husband and I are seasonal campers at Oak Ridge Campground. We believe we are good citizens and follow the numerous camping rules at our campground as well as though abiding with all state and local laws. We enjoy the natural resources of Burnett County and the State of Wisconsin and believe that we are good stewards of the environment. We contribute to the local economy by spend money locally at the bars, restaurants, grocery stores, gas stations etc. in addition to attending local events and festivals.

We understand that Burnett County Wisconsin is voting on April 5th on more restrictions for campgrounds and campers. We believe that the county already has some of the most restrictive and punitive rules for campgrounds in the State of Wisconsin. We strongly oppose unnecessary laws that are discriminatory and are targeted and applicable only towards campers, especially those that would limit our access to the Burnett County and State of Wisconsin's natural resources.

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Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely:

Name Cathy and Dave Anderson

Address 12825 Swallow St NW, Coon Rapids, Mn. 55448

Email andcd74@yahoo.com

Phone Number 612-227-2315

## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Ehalt, Nathan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 8:21 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** FW: Campground camper perspective

-----Original Message-----

From: Carol Reitzel <carol1883@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 5:55 PM  
To: Ehalt, Nathan <nehalt@burnettcounty.org>  
Subject: Campground camper perspective

I have been a camper since I was a young child. My family couldn't afford a cabin back in the day. Today as a an older single women I sincerely value the opportunity to have found a wonderful site at Oak Ridge Campground. I value and appreciate the location and the close natural amenities this campground provides. Trail access, lake access, open county land nearby, a beautiful kayaking river and wildlife nature area are all what drew me to the area.

Having an affordable option instead of being a property owner is exactly what I was sought. As I approach retirement I wanted a 6 month solution as I anticipate in the future I will spend winters south away from the ice. I support local businesses when at the campground just as do the areas property owners.

I personally don't like the ATV trails as I find them too rough and washboard for my body but I appreciate the ability to drive the roads on my ATV.

I don't drink. I don't smoke. I like the quite surroundings the campground provides. I enjoy fishing and I appreciate the no wake zone on the lake after 5 PM.

The people I know at the campground, respect the campground rules and are good honorable people.

I'm shocked by the group creating such disdain against campground people whoever they are. I've called in remotely and listened to several of the monthly meetings. I heard the discussions and I frankly feel victimized by the fall out of what is happening countywide. I am a rule follower as are the fellow campers I've encountered.

The lakes, trails and rivers are all public lands open to all. To finger point and target only one segment of the population is unjustified. Cabin people, property owners have guests visit who use the amenities of the area as do day visitors to the county.

Why fingerprint and retaliate with rigid and unsubstantiated regulations towards the campers? If you want to limit the quantity of sites per acreage owned I understand. All other regulations I don't understand the logic for it. My career has been spent working in a very large 400+ attorney law firm and a large financial institution. If the campground owners are okay with how campers occupy the sites what does it matter to others? The vast majority of people are only 3 days/week and adding a week's vacation or so. Similar to many cabin owners.

Are property owners restricted by site size, sheds, patios? Then why are campers?

Please take a step back, reassess the goals of the county. Is it to make money? Then tax us. Ah, but you don't want the headache to collect taxes from a mobile population. Maybe update this issue instead of putting in place unreasonable site criteria for campers. Are the trails an issue if too many people, increase the cost of the passes, the cost of boat

licenses. Is your objective to provide access to the county's local natural resources? Is it to discriminate unjustly against a certain population?

Our state population has increased year after year this isn't going to end. Everything in the area will continue to grow and expand. Let's partner on finding a reasonable solution instead of following the lead of a rogue group who have strong bias against campgrounds and it's campers.

If I can offer my talents towards this goal please contact me.

Carol Reitzel

Sent from my iPhone

## Towne, Jason

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**From:** Susan Lanie <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 9:50 AM  
**To:** Towne, Jason  
**Subject:** Input on Campground Work Group Recommendations

Land Services Director Jason Towne,

LUIC,

Thank you for your attention to the impact of the expanding use of Burnett County lands for RV Campgrounds. We are cabin owners on Rooney Lake for the past 5 years. We selected Burnett County for its beauty and peacefulness. We have seen our taxes increase over the last few years. We do not mind supporting the services that are needed to support the beauty, safety and quality of life in Burnett. The theme we have seen of the expansion of "camps" is to increase density without financial /tax impact and not covering the impact to the infrastructure that additional more people to these small communities. This formula detracts from the quality of life in Burnett County and degrades the peacefulness of the area and reliability of services provided. Please consider the recommendations from Preserve Burnett County advocates in your decisions.

Susan Lanie

Susan Lanie

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