

THE STADIUM INTERSTATE FREEWAY AND CEDARBURG BOG

An Editorial Comment

Although the initially favored corridor for the Stadium interstate freeway was adjacent to Cedarburg Bog, the highway department is now favoring a route at least a mile from the Bog. Many different individuals had written highway officials stressing the scientific, educational and recreational value of the Bog. It is appropriate that the highway officials of a state which has been a leader in preserving natural areas for scientific and educational use should show concern with preserving Cedarburg Bog as a wilderness area. A hearing about the proposed route will be held July 10 in Ozaukee County, and testimony will be presented stressing the value of the Bog and the importance of not having a highway in close proximity.

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“We of the industrial age boast of our control over nature, plant or animal, star or atom, wind or river—there is no force in earth or sky that we will not shortly harness to build the “good life” for ourselves. But what is the good life? Is all this glut of power to be used only for bread-and-butter ends? Man cannot live by bread, or Fords, alone. Are we too poor in purse or spirit to apply some of it to keep the land pleasant to see and good to live in?”

Aldo Leopold, “Game Management”

“I would suggest a different way of planning with new priorities and criteria. It is not really new, but it is not practiced widely. I would call it planning against progress. It would clearly be planning against the mistakes that we make in the name of progress . . . Planning against progress means protecting our orchards, vineyards and other prime agricultural land against urban development. It means zoning that the community is willing to stand by; it means refusal to provide service to undesirable subdivisions. It means a willingness to spend money and to forego income that might otherwise be available.” In his latest book Dasmann has made an eloquent plea for new thinking that will leave alternatives for the future. Will we be wise enough to heed while there are still opportunities to choose?

Raymond Dasmann, “A Different Kind of Country”

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