

DEDICATION OF THE WILLIAM G. LUNNEY LAKE FARM COUNTY PARK

William (Bill) G. Lunney served in County government for fifty years, starting as a County Board Supervisor in 1969 and culminating as Park Commission Chair in 2019. Bill served on the Dane County Park Commission for 32 years (1987 – 2019), including 30 years as Chair (1989 – 2019). Under Bill’s leadership, the Dane County Park system has grown to over 15,000 acres of protected lands throughout Dane County and welcomes over 3 million visitors per year.

Bill’s accomplishments and contributions to Dane County Parks and Dane County government run long and deep. Prior to Bill’s tenure on the Park Commission, he served six terms on the Dane County Board of Supervisors and was a principal player in efforts to modernize County government that led to the creation of the Office of the Dane County Executive in the early 1970s.

Highlights of Bill’s service as Chair of the Dane County Park Commission include:

- Development of the park classification system to help organize and define park uses and types.
- Oversight of 6 parks and open space committees that led to the adoption of *6 Dane County Parks & Open Space Plans*.
- Co-Founding the Foundation for Dane County Parks with his wife, Judie Pfeiffer.
- Creation of the first dog parks in the nation.
- Support for and advocacy of the important role of volunteers, friends groups and partner organizations in the success of Dane County Parks.
- Co-Founding the Friends of Capital Springs with his wife, Judie Pfeiffer.
- Impeccable dedication to and mastery of civil discourse and public engagement while chairing meetings of the Dane County Park Commission and related committees, estimated at over 750 meetings.

Additionally Bill's statewide conservation service include co-founder of the Wisconsin Wetlands Association and leadership positions with the Board of the Nature Conservancy, the Friends of Wisconsin State Parks and the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and Dane County Executive recognize William G. Lunney’s service to the people of Dane County and the Dane County Park Commission;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Lake Farm County Park be dedicated from here on after as the William G. Lunney Lake Farm County Park.